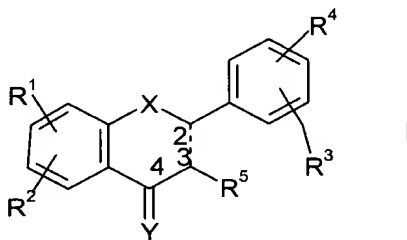


The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Presently Amended): A compound ~~compounds~~ of the formula I



where

X is O, S or NH;

Y is O, S or NH;

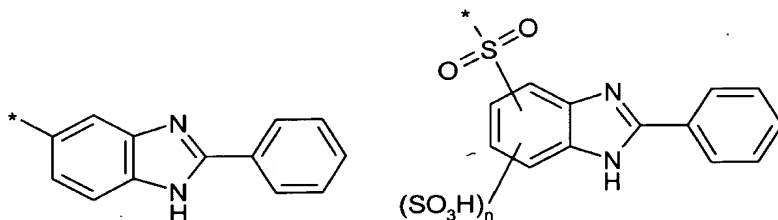
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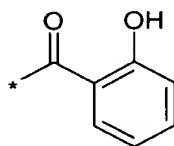
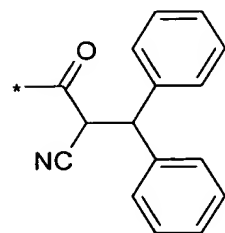
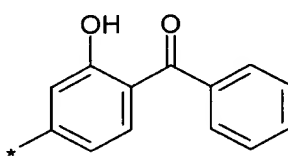
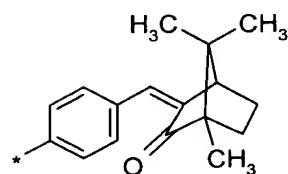
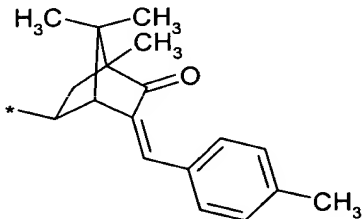
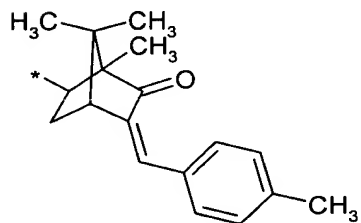
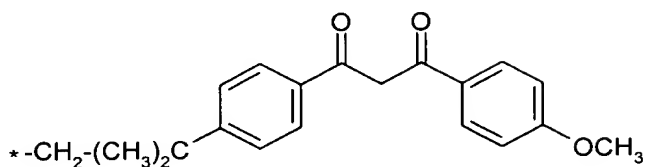
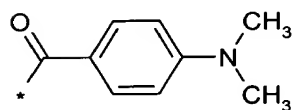
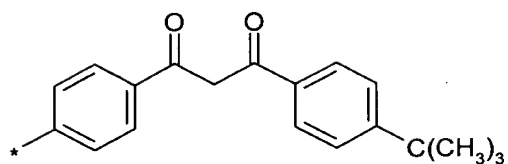
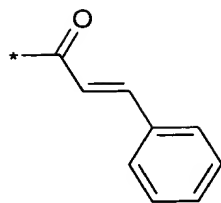
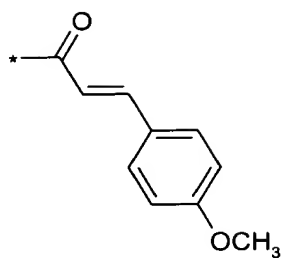
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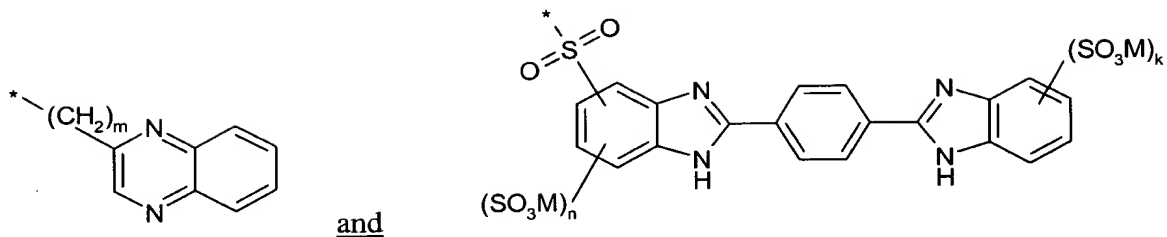
OH or -OA<sub>n</sub> and

A is a group which absorbs UV radiation selected from ~~the group formed from:~~





$\beta'$



where  $n = 0, 1, 2$  or  $3$

$m = 0$  or  $1$

$k = 0, 1, 2, 3$  or  $4$

$M = H, Na$  or  $K$

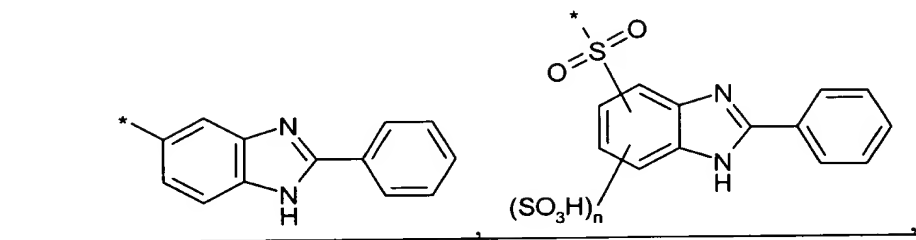
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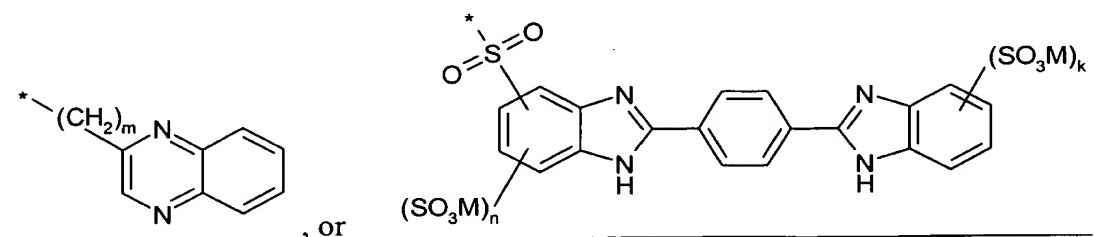
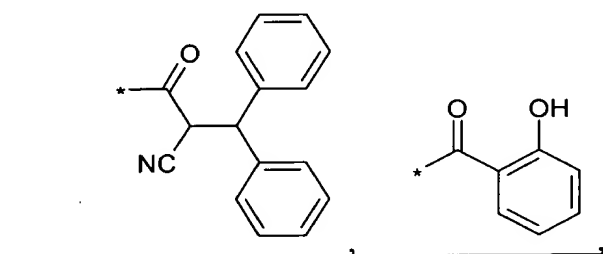
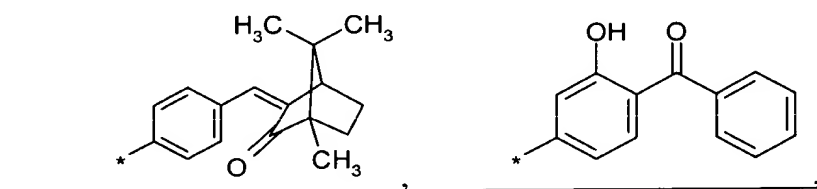
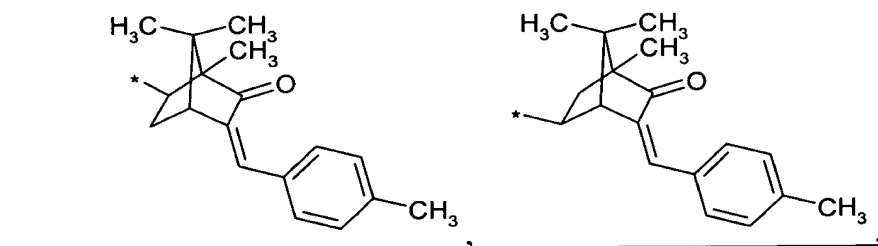
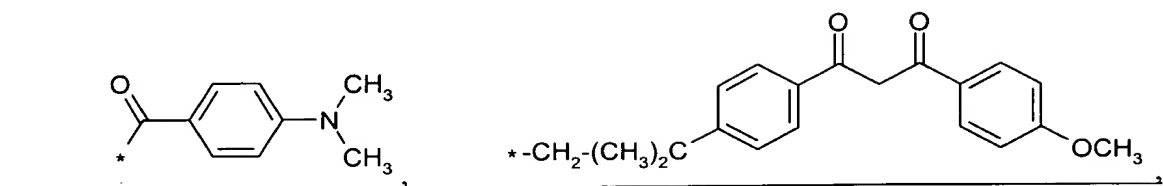
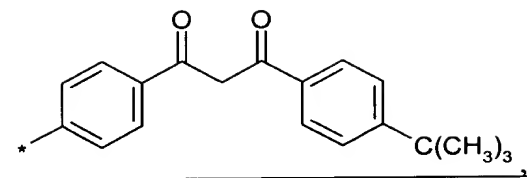
$m$  is 0 or 1,

$k$  is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4, and

$M$  is H, Na or K;

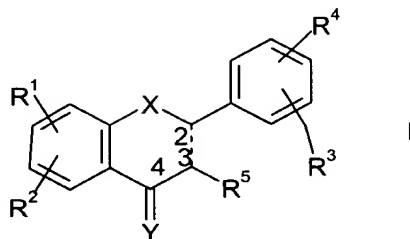
and at least one of the groups  $R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4$  or  $R^5$  is ~~formed by~~  $-OA$  in which A is





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2. (Presently Amended): A compound of formula I



where

X is O, S or NH;

Y is O, S or NH;

a single or double bond may be provided between carbons C-2 and C-3; ;

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, and R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> may be provided at any positions on the ring, and also

R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> may be identical or different and independently of one another are -H, -

OH, or -OA, a straight-chain or branched oxyalkyl or carboxyalkyl group having 1 to 12

carbon atoms, a straight-chain or branched oxyalkenyl or carboxyalkenyl group having 2 to

12 carbon atoms, a straight-chain or branched hydroxyoxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon

atoms, where the hydroxyl group is bonded to a primary or secondary carbon atom and the

alkyl chain is optionally interrupted by oxygen, a sulphate group, a phosphate group, or a

mono- or oligoglycosyl radical; and

~~in addition R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup>, independently of one another, can stand for a~~

~~• — straight chain or branched oxyalkyl or carboxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon~~

~~atoms;~~

~~• — straight chain or branched oxyalkenyl or carboxyalkenyl group having 2 to 12 carbon~~

~~atoms;~~

• ~~straight chain or branched hydroxyoxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, where the hydroxyl group may be bonded to a primary or secondary carbon atom and, furthermore, the alkyl chain can also be interrupted by oxygen,~~

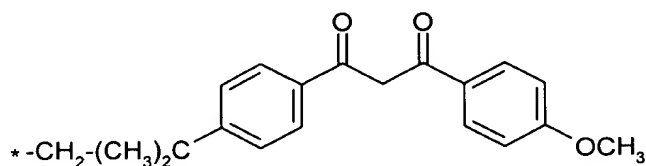
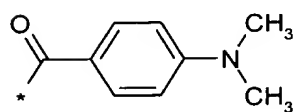
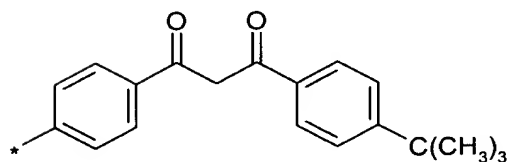
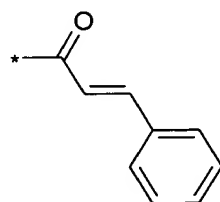
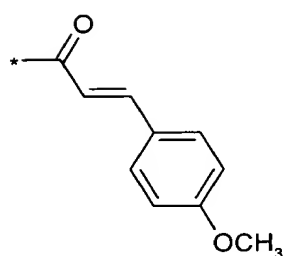
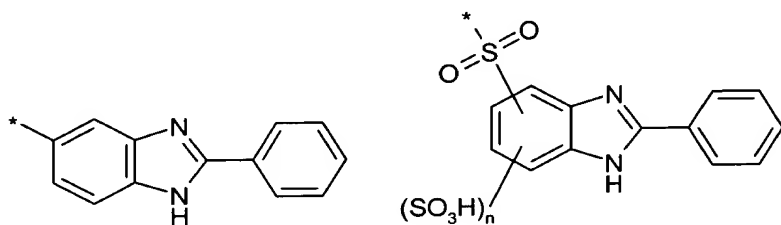
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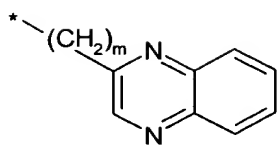
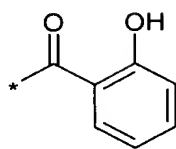
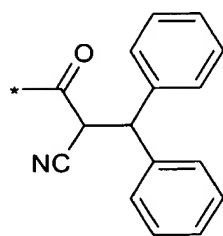
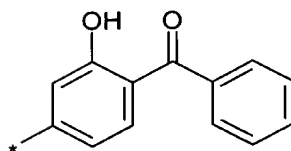
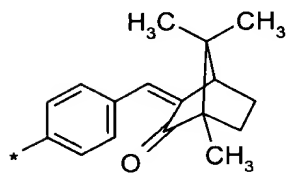
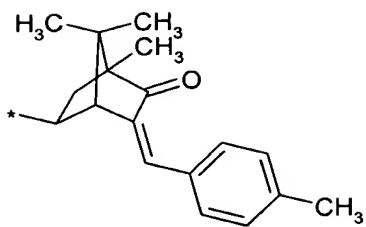
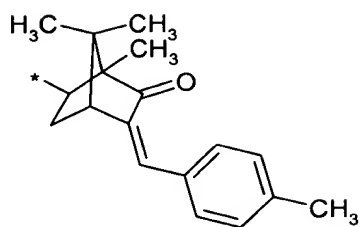
• ~~phosphate group~~

• ~~and a mono or oligoglycosyl radical, and~~

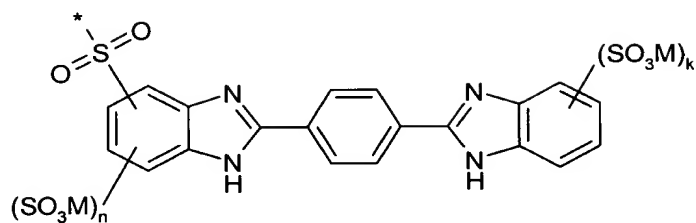
A is a group which absorbs UV radiation selected from ~~the group formed from:~~

B<sup>1</sup>





and



where  $n = 0, 1, 2$  or  $3$

$m = 0$  or  $1$

$k = 0, 1, 2, 3$  or  $4$

$M = H, Na$  or  $K$

$n$  is  $0, 1, 2$  or  $3$ ,

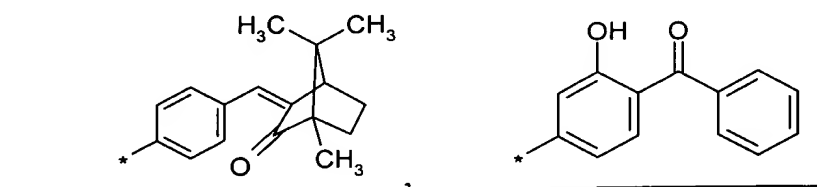
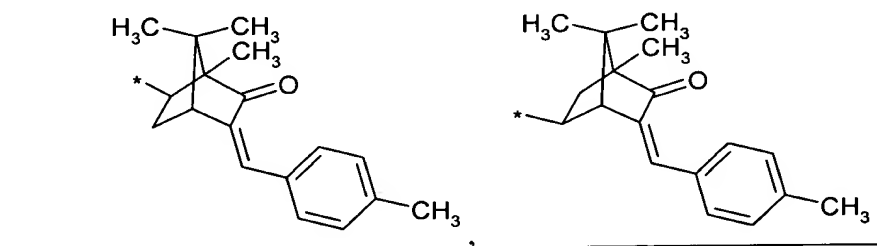
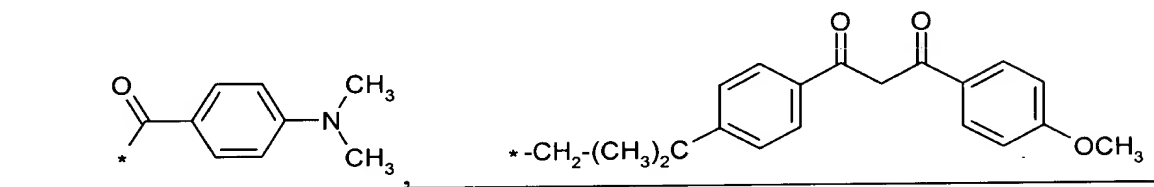
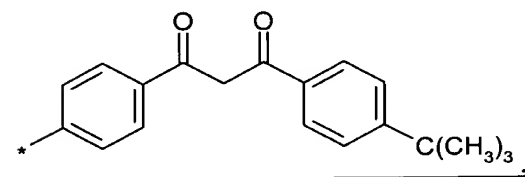
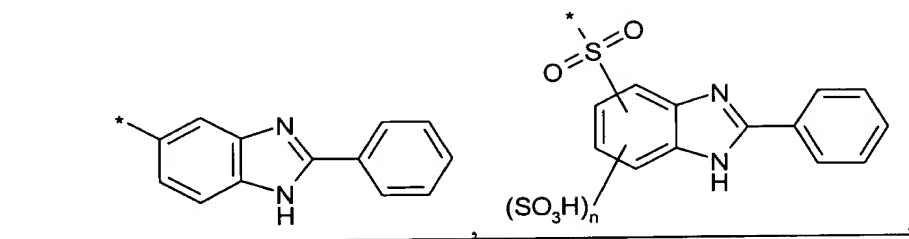
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$k$  is  $0, 1, 2, 3$  or  $4$ , and

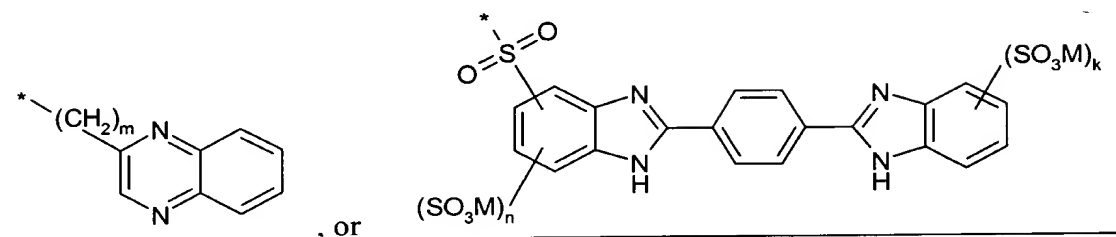
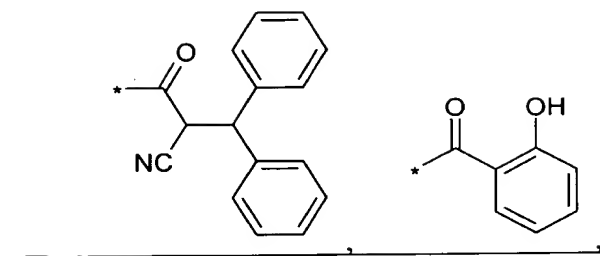
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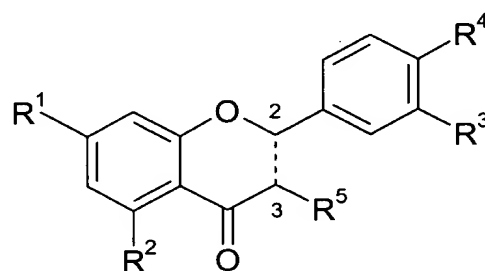
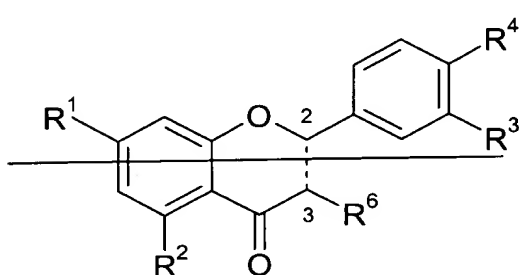
and at least one of the groups  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$  or  $R^5$  is ~~formed by~~ –OA in which A is





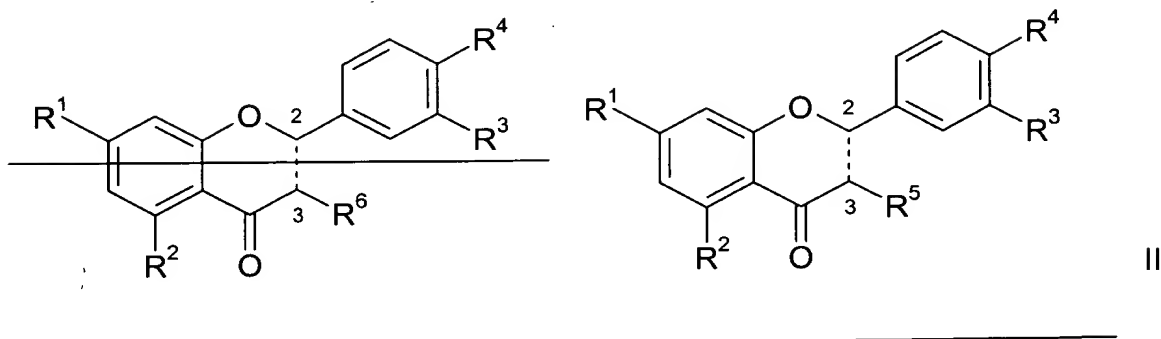


3. (Presently Amended): A compound according to Claim 1, wherein said compound is of formula II



II

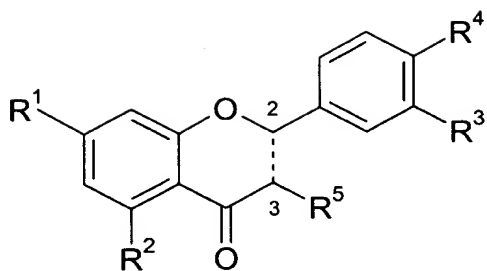
4. (Presently Amended): A compound according to Claim 2, wherein said compound is of formula II



5. (Original): In a cosmetic or pharmaceutical formulation comprising an active ingredient and a physiologically acceptable carrier, the improvement wherein said formulation comprises at least one compound according to Claim 1.

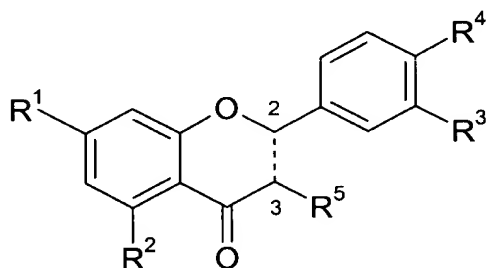
6. (Original): In a cosmetic or pharmaceutical formulation comprising an active ingredient and a physiologically acceptable carrier, the improvement wherein said formulation comprises at least one compound according to Claim 2.

7. (Presently Amended): A ~~In a cosmetic or pharmaceutical formulation comprising an active ingredient and a physiologically acceptable carrier, the improvement wherein said formulation comprises at least one compound~~ according to Claim 5 ~~3~~, wherein said compound is of formula II



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8. (Presently Amended): A ~~In a cosmetic or pharmaceutical formulation comprising an active ingredient and a physiologically acceptable carrier, the improvement wherein said formulation comprises at least one compound according to Claim 6 4: wherein~~ said compound is of formula II



II

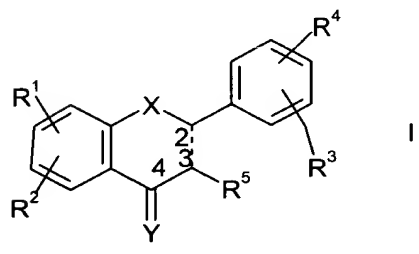
9. (Original): A cosmetic formulation according to Claim 5, where the formulation comprises one or more additional UV filters and/or antioxidants.

10. (Original): A cosmetic formulation according to Claim 6, where the formulation comprises one or more additional UV filters and/or antioxidants.

11. (Presently Amended): A method for protecting the body's cells of a patient against oxidative stress, ~~in particular for reducing skin ageing~~, comprising administering to said patient a formulation according to claim 5.

12. (Presently Amended): A method for protecting the body's cells of a patient against oxidative stress, ~~in particular for reducing skin ageing~~, comprising administering to said patient a formulation according to claim 6.

13. (Original): An enriched foodstuff comprising a foodstuff and at least one compound according to ~~Claim 1~~ of the formula I



wherein

X is O, S or NH;

Y is O, S or NH;

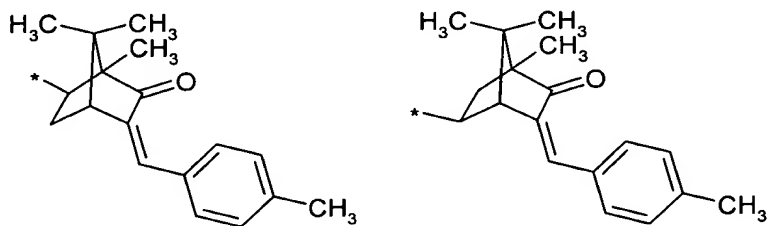
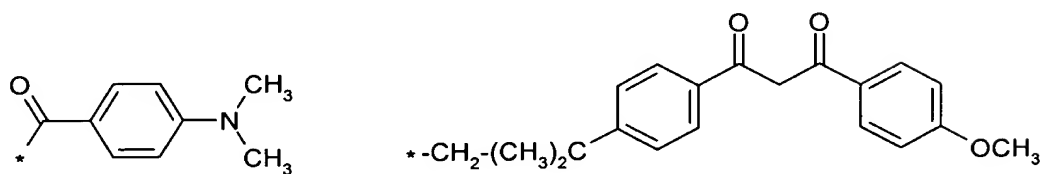
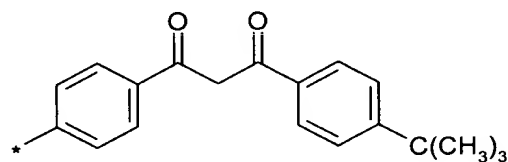
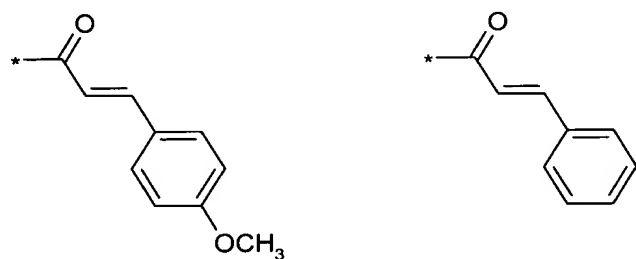
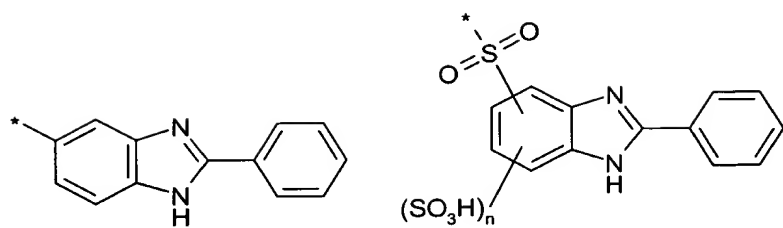
a single or double bond may be provided between carbons C-2 and C-3;

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, and R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> may be provided at any positions on the ring, and also

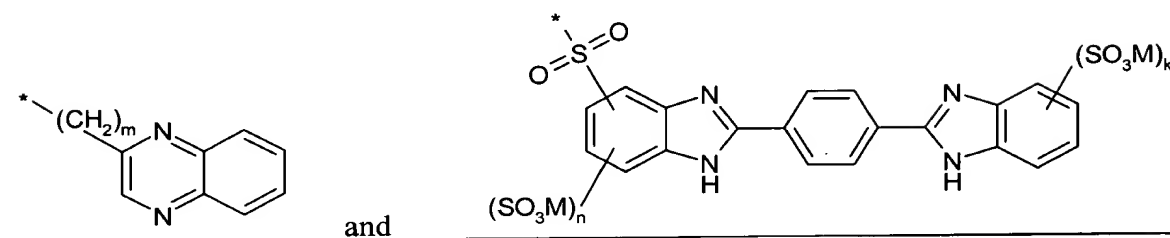
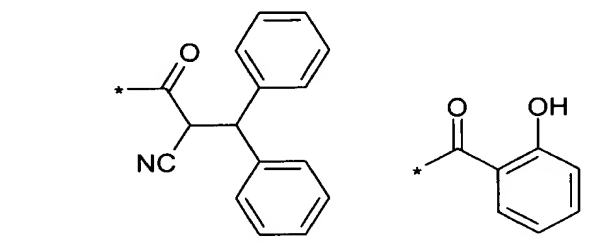
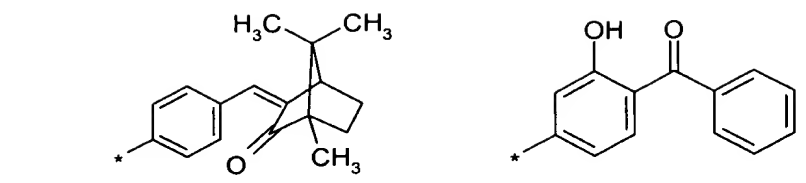
R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> may be identical or different and independently of one another are -H, -

OH or -OA; and

A is a group which absorbs UV radiation selected from:



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wherein n is 0, 1, 2 or 3,

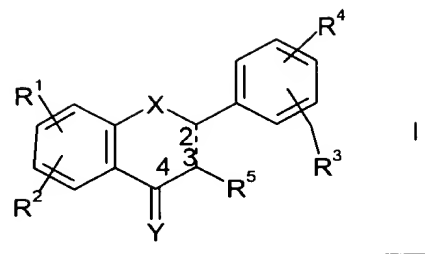
m is 0 or 1,

k is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4, and

M is H, Na or K;

and at least one of the groups  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$  or  $R^5$  is  $-OA$ .

14. (Original): An enriched foodstuff comprising a foodstuff and at least one compound ~~according to Claim 2~~ of formula I



where

X is O, S or NH;

Y is O, S or NH;

a single or double bond may be provided between carbons C-2 and C-3;

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, and R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> may be provided at any positions on the ring, and also

R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> may be identical or different and independently of one another are -H, -

OH, -OA, a straight-chain or branched oxyalkyl or carboxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon

atoms, a straight-chain or branched oxyalkenyl or carboxyalkenyl group having 2 to 12

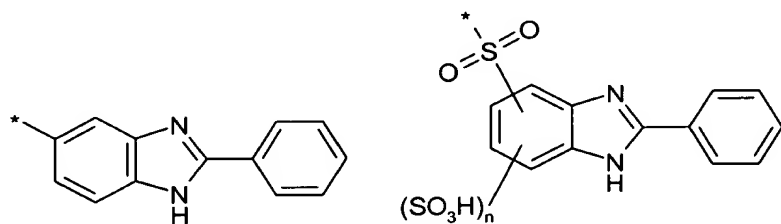
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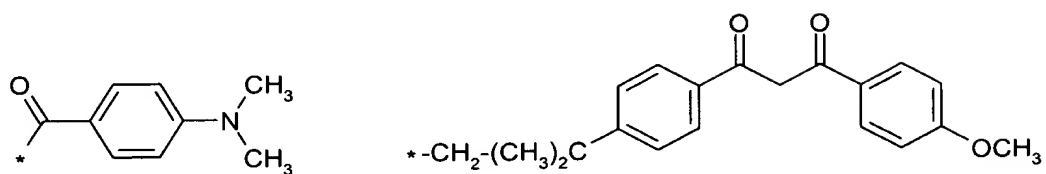
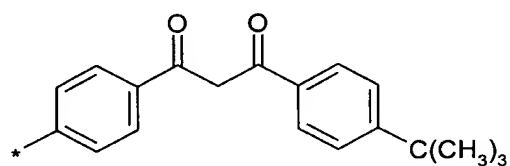
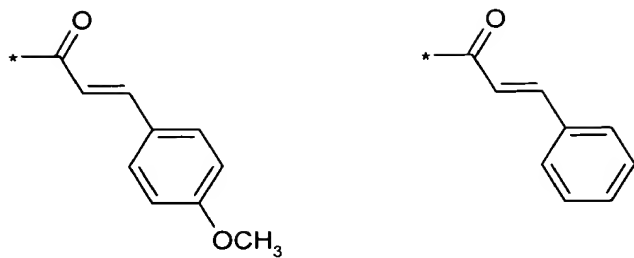
atoms, where the hydroxyl group is bonded to a primary or secondary carbon atom and the

alkyl chain is optionally interrupted by oxygen, a sulphate group, a phosphate group, or a

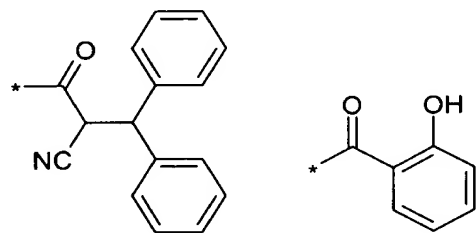
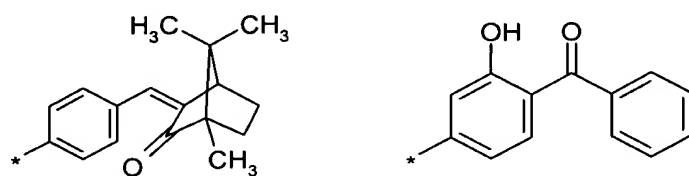
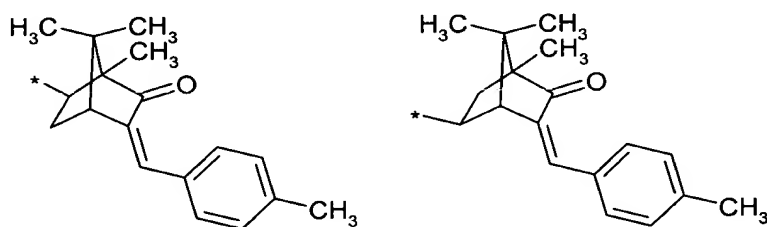
mono- or oligoglycosyl radical; and

A is a group which absorbs UV radiation selected from:

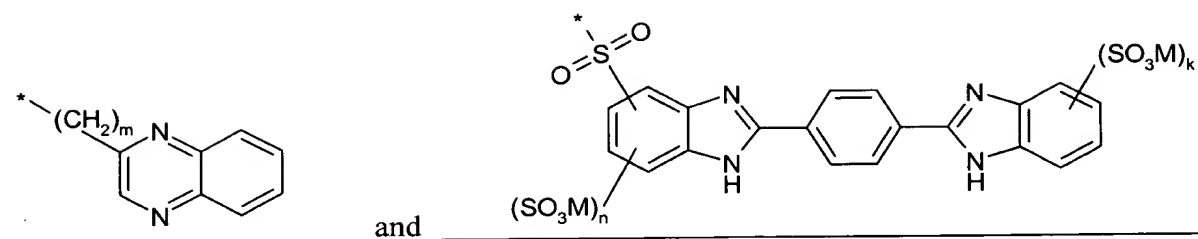




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wherein n is 0, 1, 2 or 3,

m is 0 or 1,

k is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4, and

M is H, Na or K;

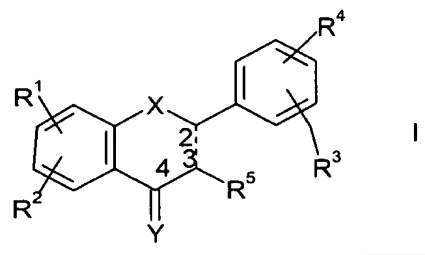
and at least one of the groups R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> or R<sup>5</sup> is -OA.

15. (Presently Amended): In a method of preparing a medicament comprising combining an active ingredient with a carrier, the improvement wherein said medicament contains an antioxidant effective amount of a A compound according to Claim 1 as medicaments.

16. (Presently Amended): In a method of preparing a medicament comprising combining an active ingredient with a carrier, the improvement wherein said medicament contains an antioxidant effective amount of a A compound according to Claim 2 as medicaments.

17. (Presently Amended): In a method of treating a patient Use of a compound according to Claim 2 for the preparation of a medicament against oxidative stress, in

particular for reducing skin ageing the improvement comprising administering to said patient  
a compound of formula I



where

X is O, S or NH;

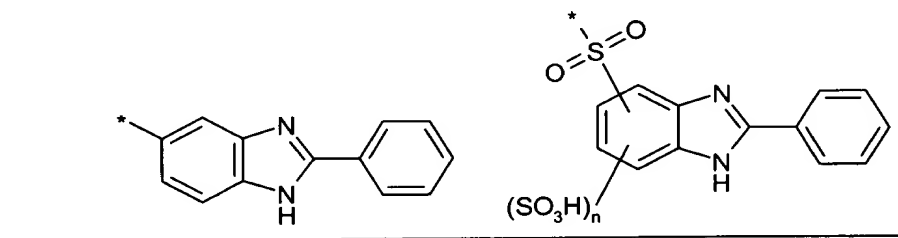
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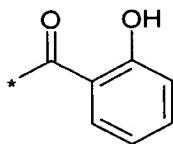
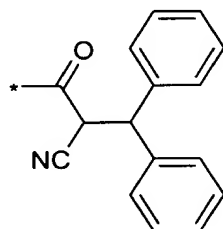
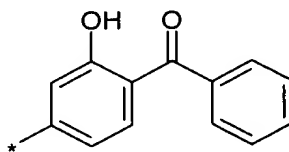
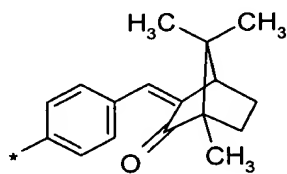
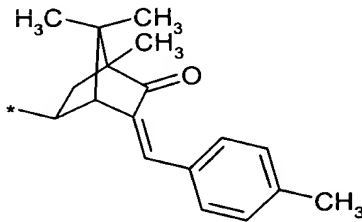
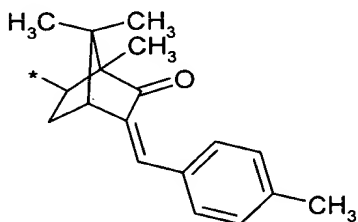
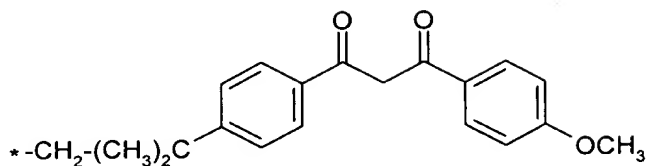
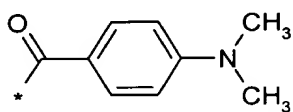
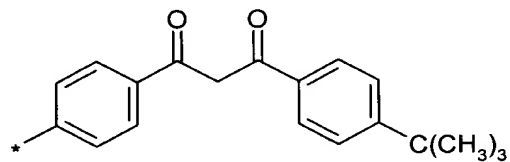
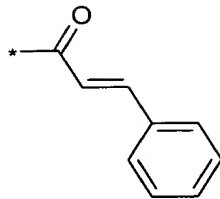
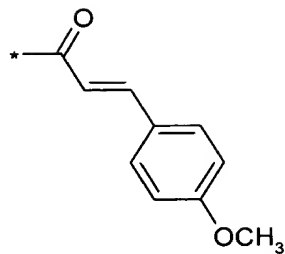
a single or double bond may be provided between carbons C-2 and C-3;

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, and R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> may be provided at any positions on the ring, and also

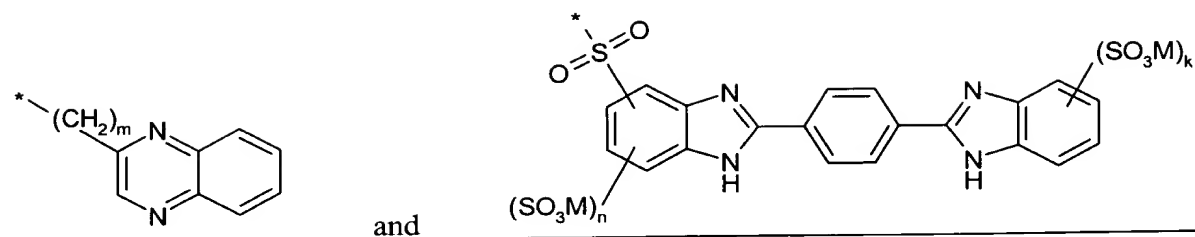
R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> may be identical or different and independently of one another are -H, -  
OH, -OA, a straight-chain or branched oxyalkyl or carboxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon  
atoms, a straight-chain or branched oxyalkenyl or carboxyalkenyl group having 2 to 12  
carbon atoms, a straight-chain or branched hydroxyoxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon  
atoms, where the hydroxyl group is bonded to a primary or secondary carbon atom and the  
alkyl chain is optionally interrupted by oxygen, a sulphate group, a phosphate group, or a  
mono- or oligoglycosyl radical; and

A is a group which absorbs UV radiation selected from:





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wherein  $n$  is 0, 1, 2 or 3,

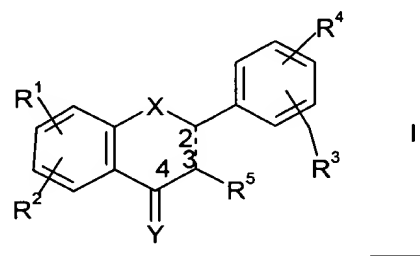
$m$  is 0 or 1,

$k$  is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4, and

$M$  is H, Na or K;

and at least one of the groups  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$  or  $R^5$  is -OA.

18. (Presently Amended): In a method of treating a patient ~~Use of a compound~~  
~~according to Claim 2 for the preparation of a medicament for the treatment of inflammations~~  
~~or allergic reactions, the improvement comprising administering to said patient a compound~~  
of formula I



where

$X$  is O, S or NH;

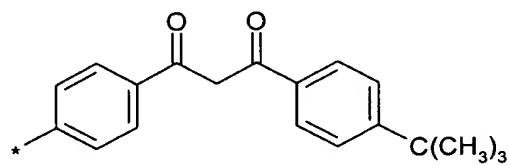
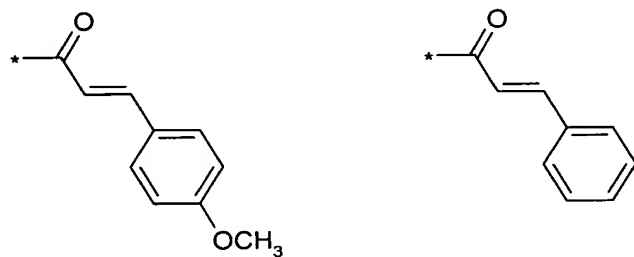
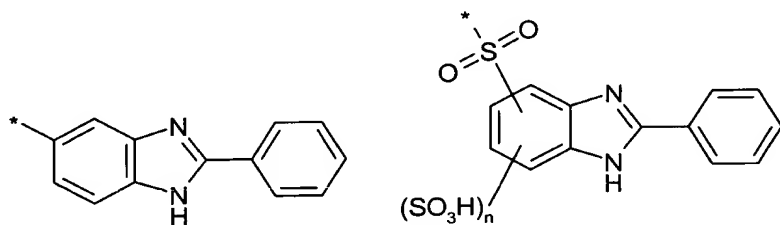
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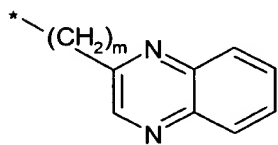
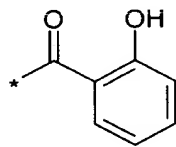
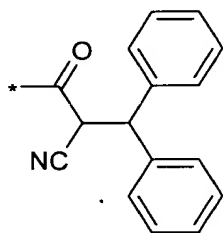
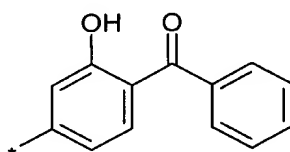
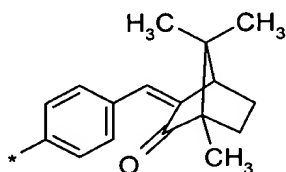
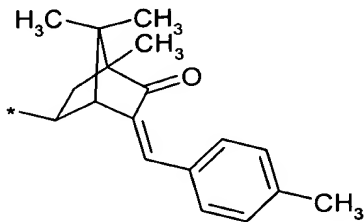
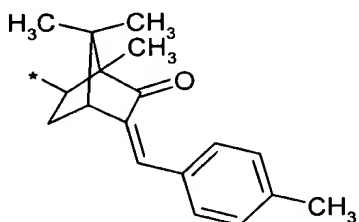
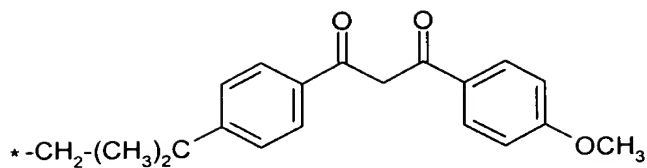
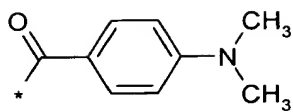
a single or double bond may be provided between carbons C-2 and C-3;

$R^1$  and  $R^2$ , and  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  may be provided at any positions on the ring, and also

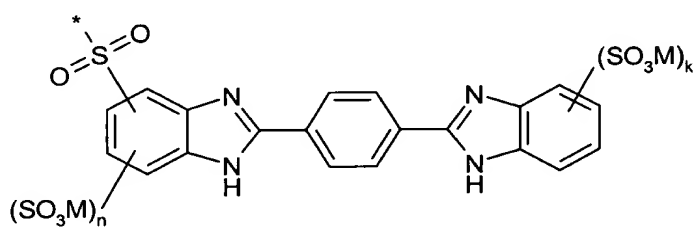
$R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4$  and  $R^5$  may be identical or different and independently of one another are  $-H$ ,  $-OH$ ,  $-OA$ , a straight-chain or branched oxyalkyl or carboxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, a straight-chain or branched oxyalkenyl or carboxyalkenyl group having 2 to 12 carbon atoms, a straight-chain or branched hydroxyoxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, where the hydroxyl group is bonded to a primary or secondary carbon atom and the alkyl chain is optionally interrupted by oxygen, a sulphate group, a phosphate group, or a mono- or oligoglycosyl radical; and

$A$  is a group which absorbs UV radiation selected from:





and



wherein  $n$  is 0, 1, 2 or 3,

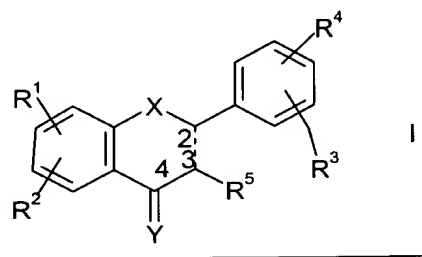
$m$  is 0 or 1,

$k$  is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4, and

M is H, Na or K;

and at least one of the groups  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$  or  $R^5$  is -OA.

19. (Presently Amended): In a method of providing a cosmetic formulation with antioxidant properties, the improvement wherein Use of a compound according to Claim 2 of formula I is added to said cosmetic formulation as an antioxidant, in particular for cosmetic formulations



where

X is O, S or NH;

Y is O, S or NH;

a single or double bond may be provided between carbons C-2 and C-3;

$R^1$  and  $R^2$ , and  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  may be provided at any positions on the ring, and also

$R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  may be identical or different and independently of one another are -H, -

OH, -OA, a straight-chain or branched oxyalkyl or carboxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon

atoms, a straight-chain or branched oxyalkenyl or carboxyalkenyl group having 2 to 12

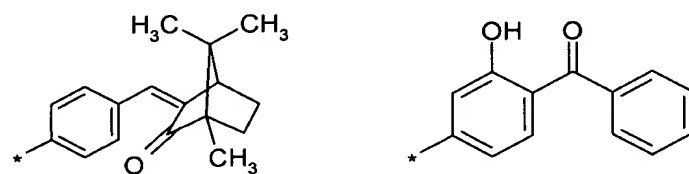
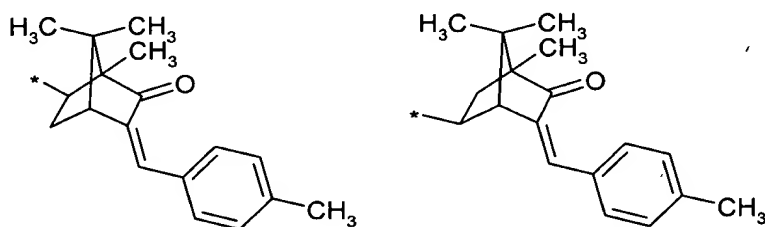
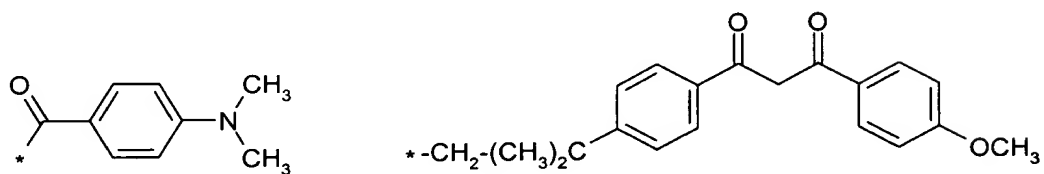
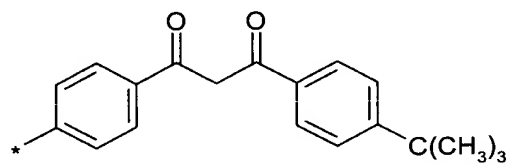
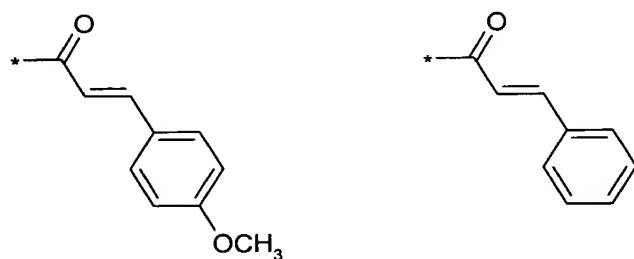
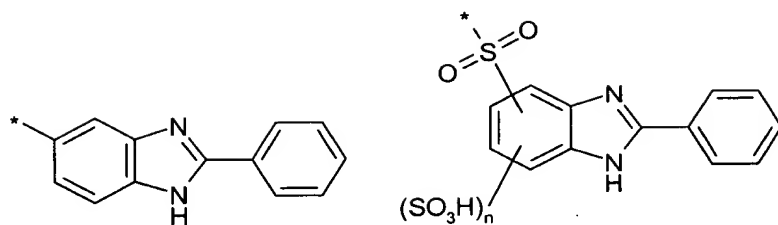
carbon atoms, a straight-chain or branched hydroxyoxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon

atoms, where the hydroxyl group is bonded to a primary or secondary carbon atom and the

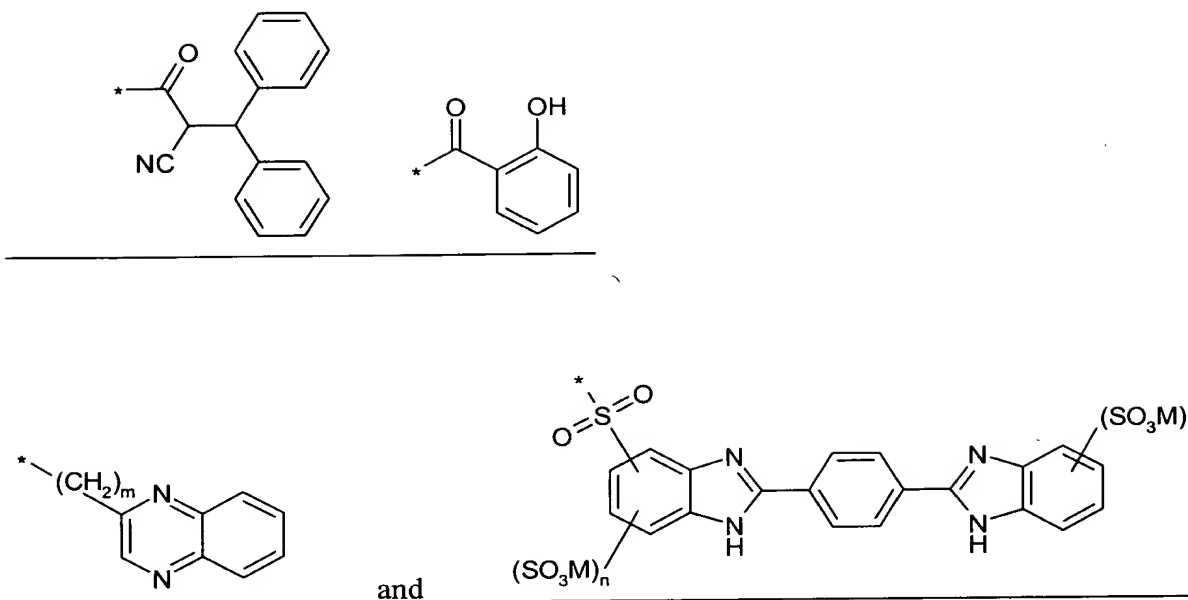
alkyl chain is optionally interrupted by oxygen, a sulphate group, a phosphate group, or a

mono- or oligoglycosyl radical; and

A is a group which absorbs UV radiation selected from:







wherein  $n$  is 0, 1, 2 or 3,

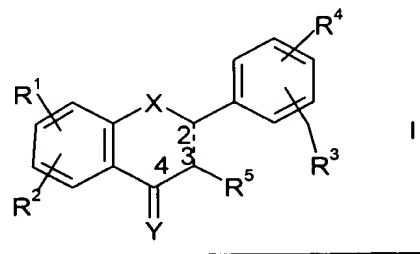
$m$  is 0 or 1,

$k$  is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4, and

$M$  is H, Na or K;

and at least one of the groups  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$  or  $R^5$  is  $-OAc$ .

20. (Presently Amended): In a method of stabilizing a UV filter, the improvement wherein a compound Use of compounds according to Claim 2 of formula I is used to stabilize the UV filter for the stabilization of UV filters, in particular dibenzoylmethane and derivatives of dibenzoylmethane



where

X is O, S or NH;

Y is O, S or NH;

a single or double bond may be provided between carbons C-2 and C-3;

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, and R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> may be provided at any positions on the ring, and also

R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> may be identical or different and independently of one another are -H, -

OH, -OA, a straight-chain or branched oxyalkyl or carboxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon

atoms, a straight-chain or branched oxyalkenyl or carboxyalkenyl group having 2 to 12

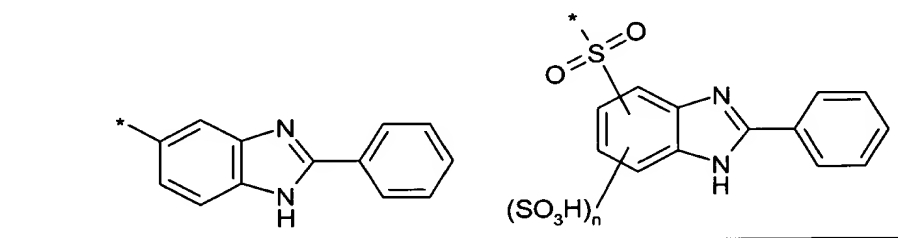
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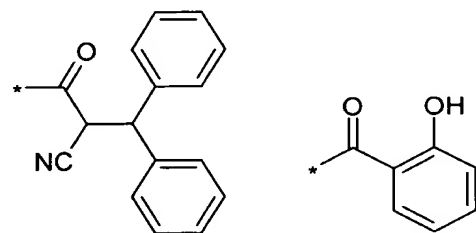
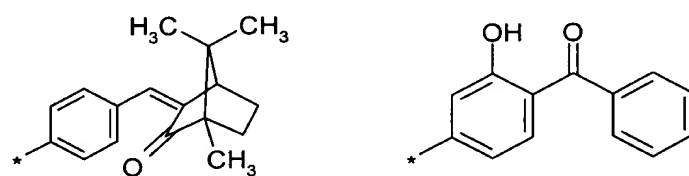
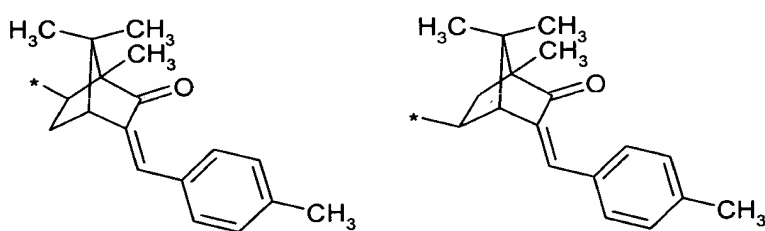
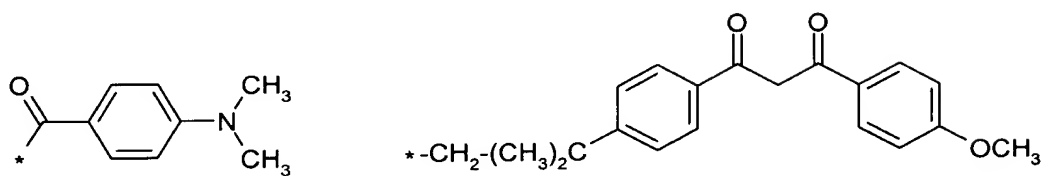
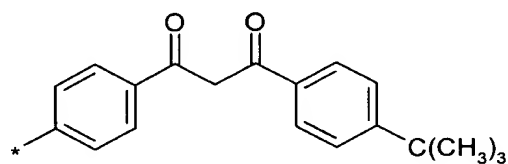
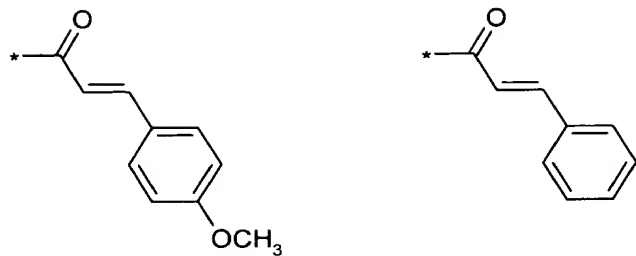
atoms, where the hydroxyl group is bonded to a primary or secondary carbon atom and the

alkyl chain is optionally interrupted by oxygen, a sulphate group, a phosphate group, or a

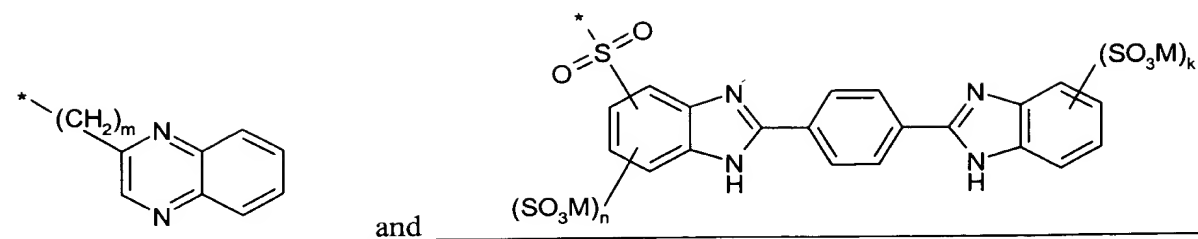
mono- or oligoglycosyl radical; and

A is a group which absorbs UV radiation selected from:





β1



wherein n is 0, 1, 2 or 3,

m is 0 or 1,

k is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4, and

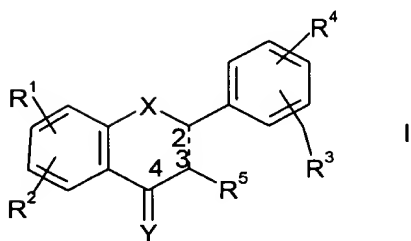
M is H, Na or K;

and at least one of the groups  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$  or  $R^5$  is -OA.

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21. (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 1, wherein X is O.

22. (New): A compound of the formula I



where

X is O, S or NH;

Y is O, S or NH;

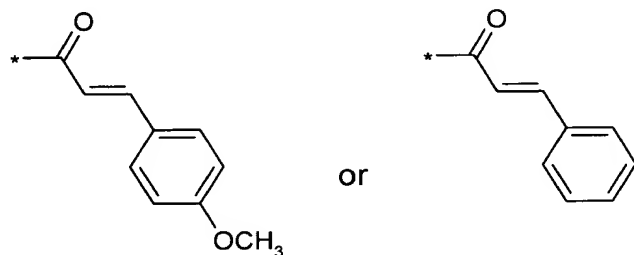
a single or double bond may be provided between carbons C-2 and C-3;

$R^1$  and  $R^2$ , and  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  may be provided at any positions on the ring, and also

$R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  may be identical or different and independently of one another are  $-H$ ,  $-$

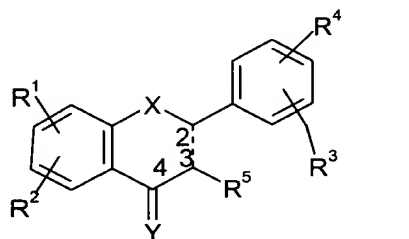
$OH$  or  $-OA$ ; and

A is



wherein at least two of the groups  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$  or  $R^5$  are each  $-OA$ .

23. (New): A compound of formula I



wherein

X is O, S or NH;

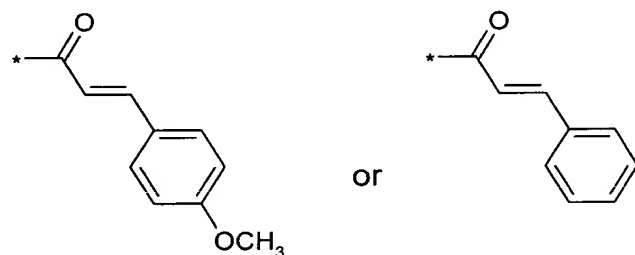
Y is O, S or NH;

a single or double bond may be provided between carbons C-2 and C-3;

$R^1$  and  $R^2$ , and  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  may be provided at any positions on the ring, and also

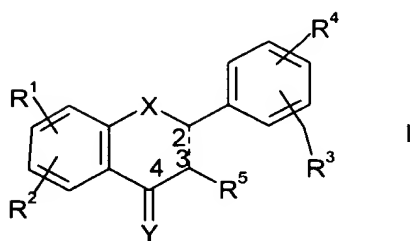
$R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4$  and  $R^5$  may be identical or different and independently of one another are  $-H$ ,  $-OH$ ,  $-OA$ , a straight-chain or branched oxyalkyl or carboxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, a straight-chain or branched oxyalkenyl or carboxyalkenyl group having 2 to 12 carbon atoms, a straight-chain or branched hydroxyoxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, where the hydroxyl group is bonded to a primary or secondary carbon atom and the alkyl chain is optionally interrupted by oxygen, a sulphate group, a phosphate group, or a mono- or oligoglycosyl radical; and

A is



and at least two of the groups  $R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4$  or  $R^5$  are each  $-OA$ .

24. (New): In a method of treating a patient against oxidative stress, the improvement comprising administering to said patient a compound of the formula I



wherein

X is O, S or NH;

Y is O, S or NH;

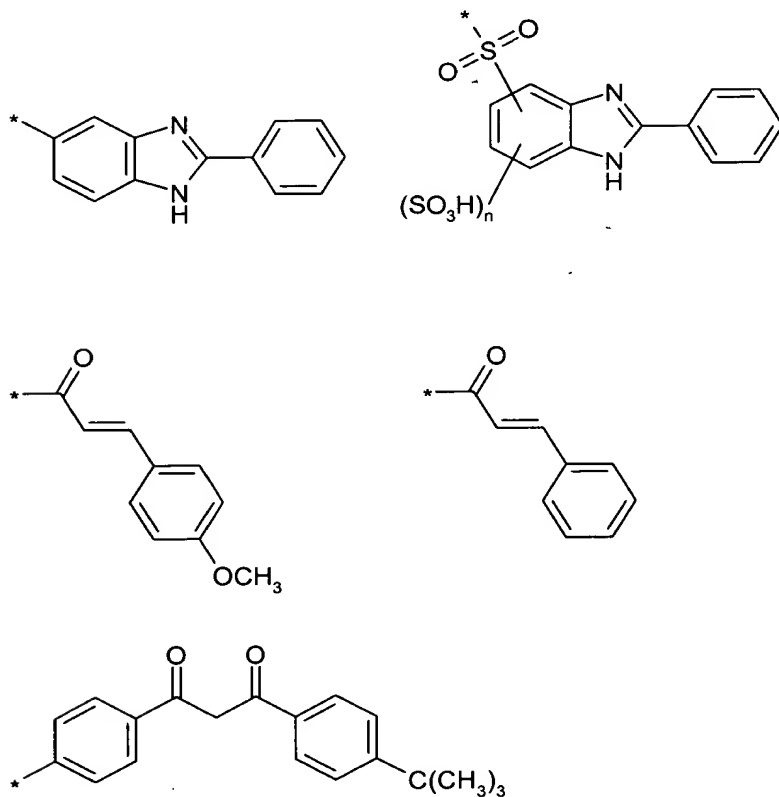
a single or double bond may be provided between carbons C-2 and C-3;

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, and R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> may be provided at any positions on the ring, and also

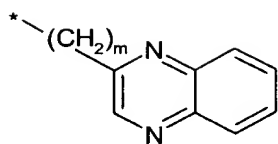
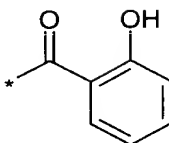
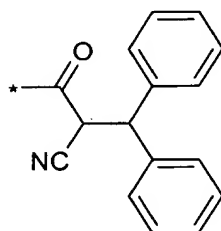
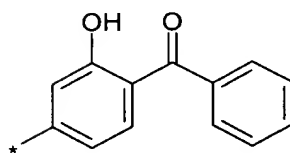
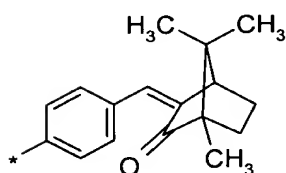
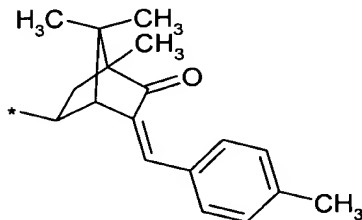
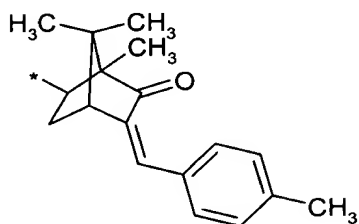
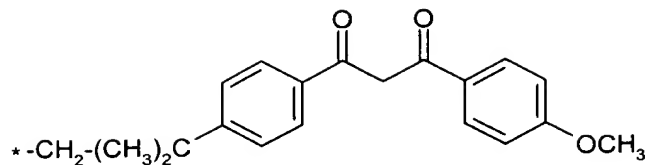
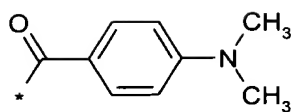
R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> may be identical or different and independently of one another are -H, -OH or -OA; and

A is a group which absorbs UV radiation selected:

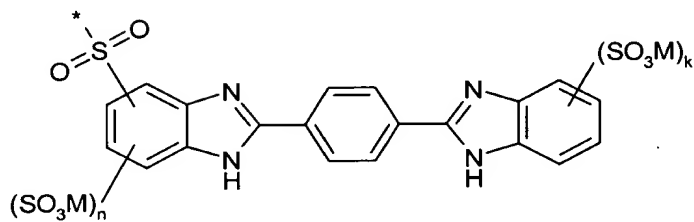
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and



wherein  $n$  is 0, 1, 2 or 3,

$m$  is 0 or 1,

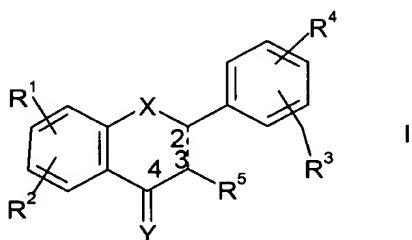
$k$  is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4, and

$M$  is H, Na or K;



and at least one of the groups  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$  or  $R^5$  is  $-OA$ .

25. (New): In a method of treating a patient for inflammations or allergic reactions, the improvement comprising administering to said patient a compound of the formula I



wherein

X is O, S or NH;

Y is O, S or NH;

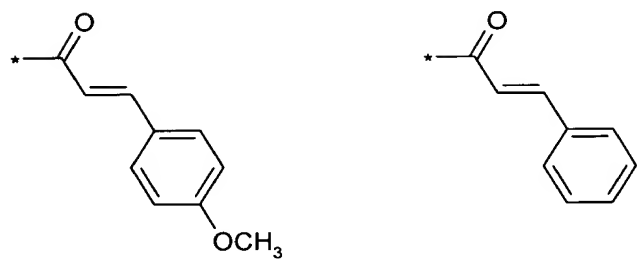
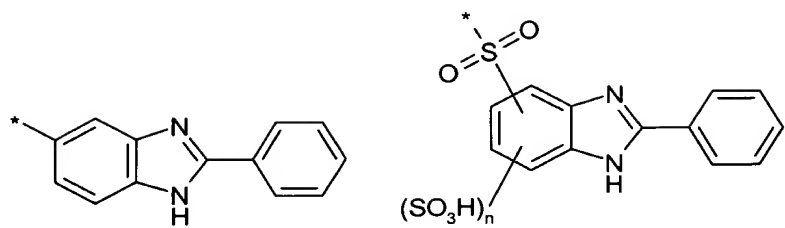
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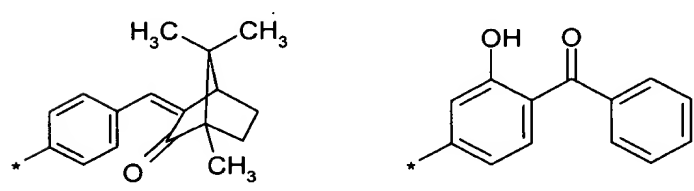
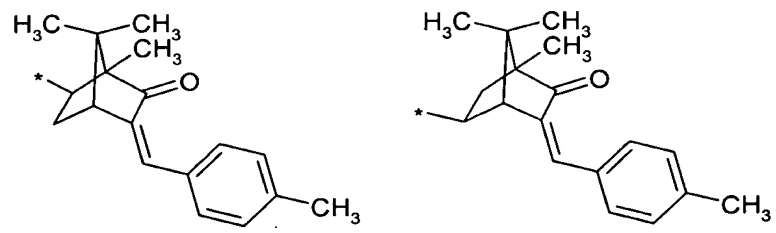
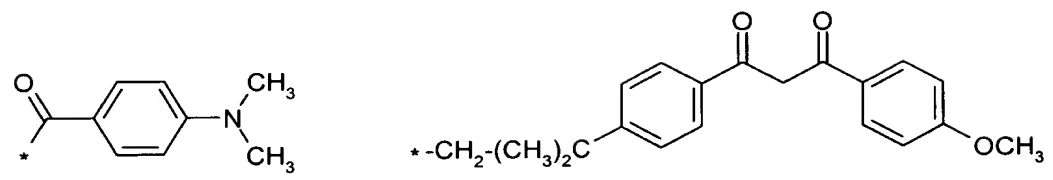
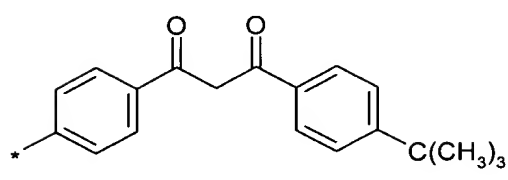
$R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  may be identical or different and independently of one another are  $-H$ , -

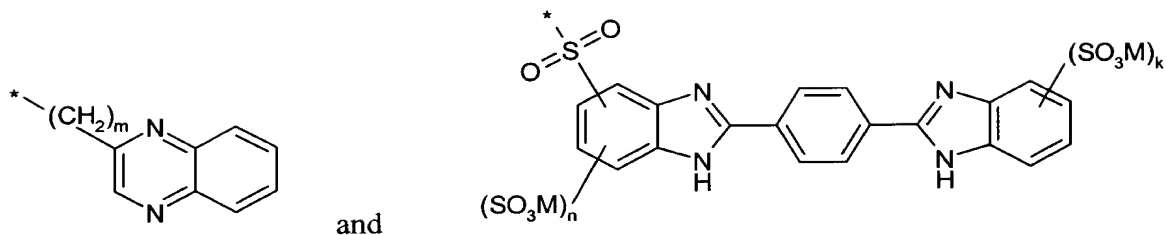
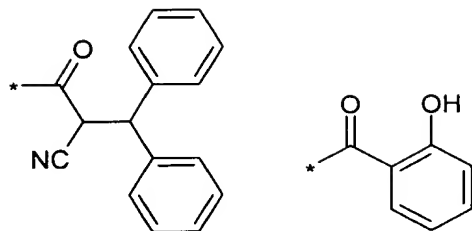
$OH$  or  $-OA$ ; and

A is a group which absorbs UV radiation selected:



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wherein  $n$  is 0, 1, 2 or 3,

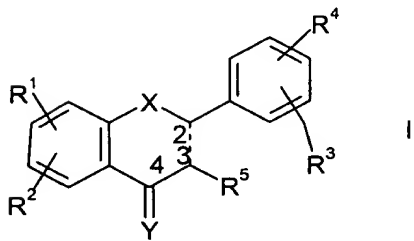
$m$  is 0 or 1,

$k$  is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4, and

$M$  is H, Na or K;

and at least one of the groups  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$  or  $R^5$  is  $-OA$ .

26. (New): In a method of providing a cosmetic formulation with antioxidant properties, the improvement wherein a compound of formula I is added to said cosmetic formulation as an antioxidant



wherein

X is O, S or NH;

Y is O, S or NH;

a single or double bond may be provided between carbons C-2 and C-3;

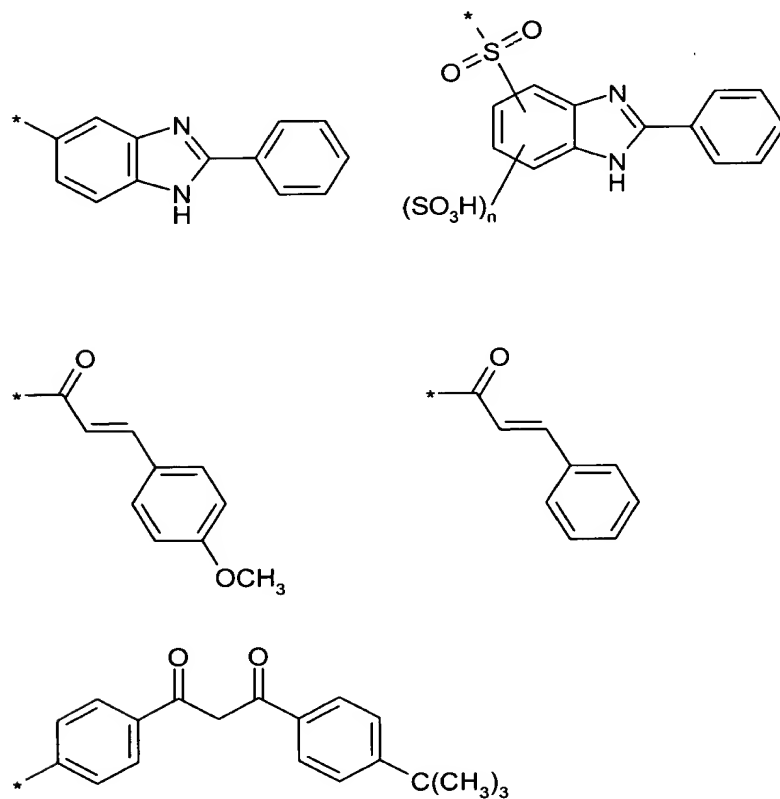
R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, and R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> may be provided at any positions on the ring, and also

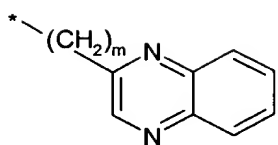
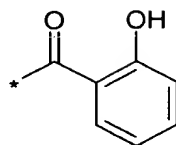
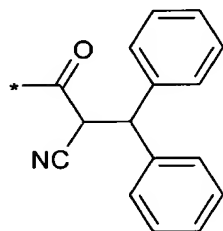
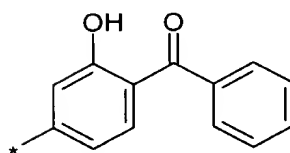
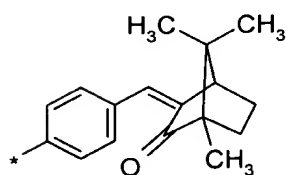
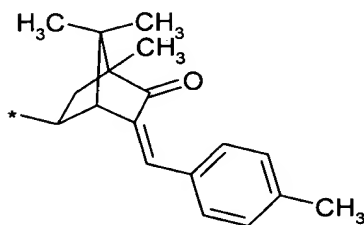
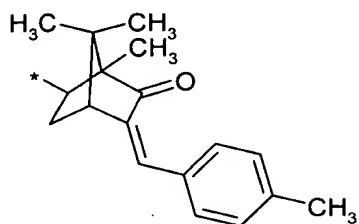
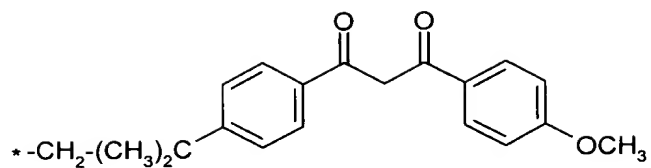
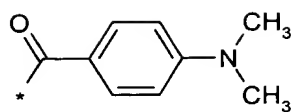
R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> may be identical or different and independently of one another are -H, -

OH or -OA; and

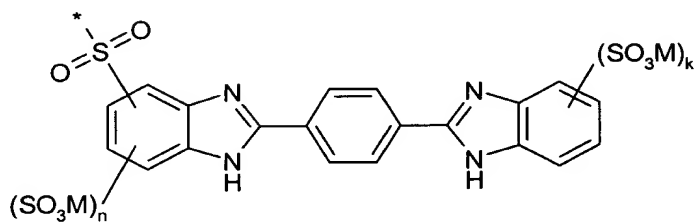
A is a group which absorbs UV radiation selected:

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and



wherein  $n$  is 0, 1, 2 or 3,

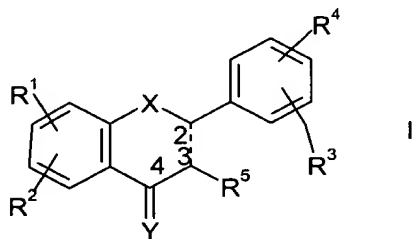
$m$  is 0 or 1,

$k$  is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4, and

$M$  is H, Na or K;

and at least one of the groups  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$  or  $R^5$  is  $-OA..$

27. (New): In a method of stabilizing a UV filter, the improvement wherein a compound according of formula I is used to stabilize the UV filter



wherein

X is O, S or NH;

Y is O, S or NH;

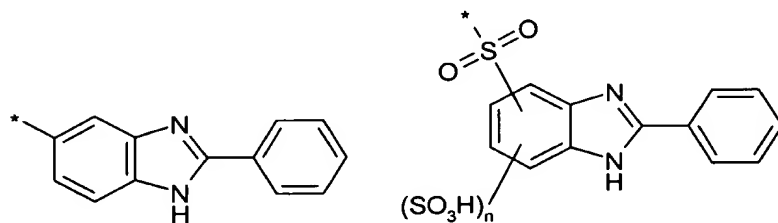
a single or double bond may be provided between carbons C-2 and C-3;

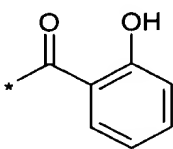
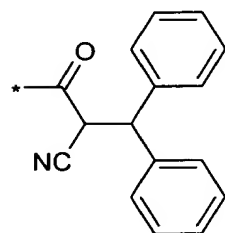
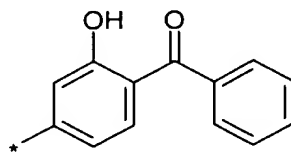
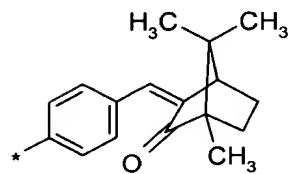
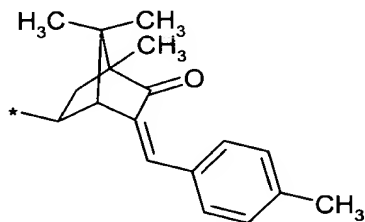
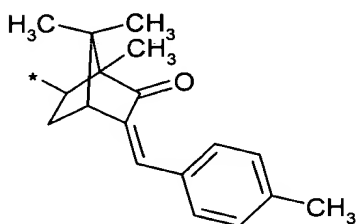
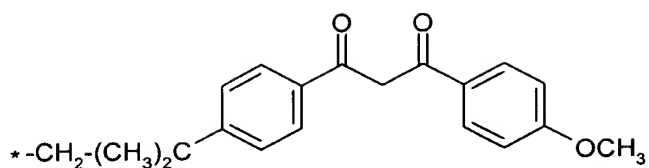
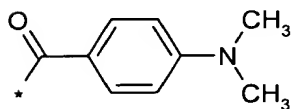
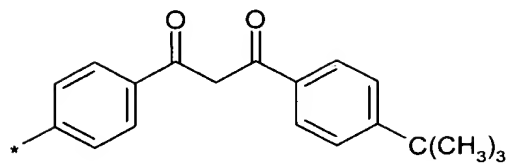
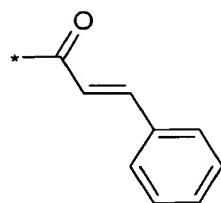
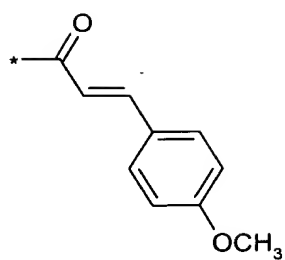
$R^1$  and  $R^2$ , and  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  may be provided at any positions on the ring, and also

$R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  may be identical or different and independently of one another are  $-H$ , -

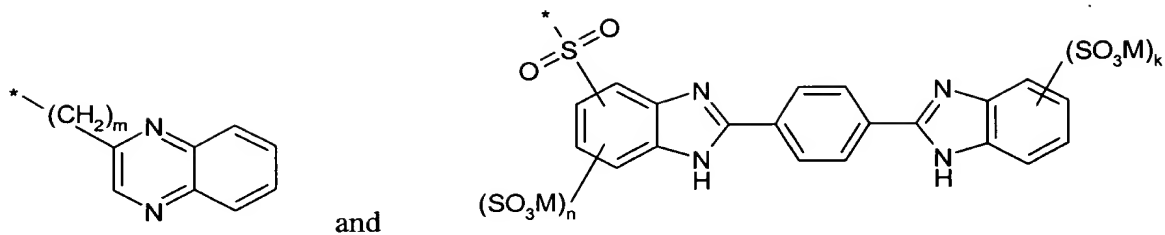
$OH$  or  $-OA$ ; and

A is a group which absorbs UV radiation selected:





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wherein  $n$  is 0, 1, 2 or 3,

$m$  is 0 or 1,

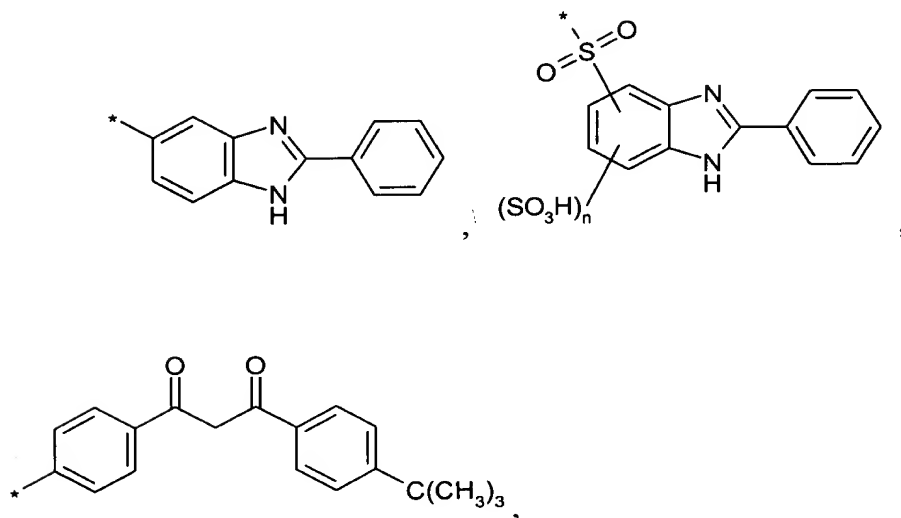
$k$  is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4, and

$M$  is H, Na or K;

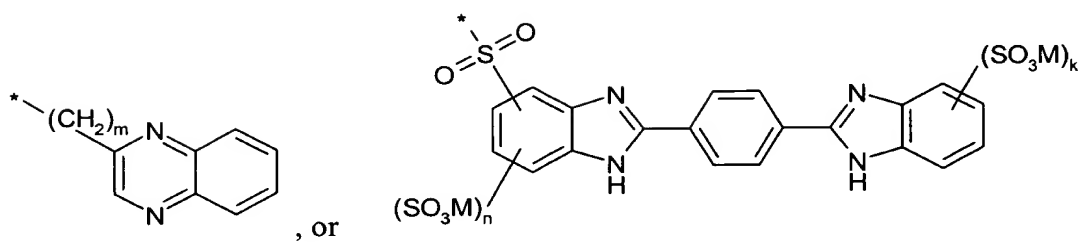
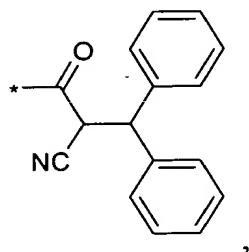
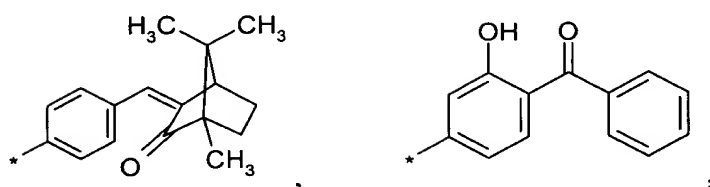
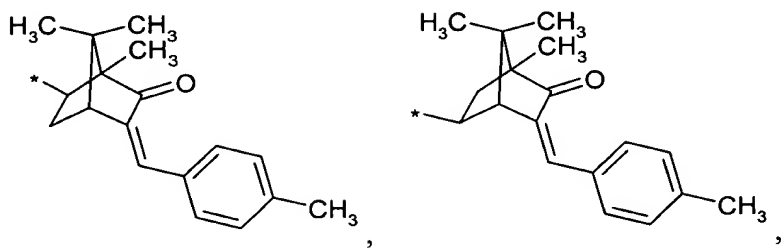
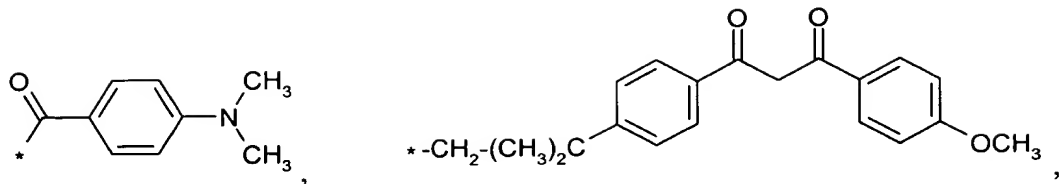
and at least one of the groups  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$  or  $R^5$  is  $-OA$ .

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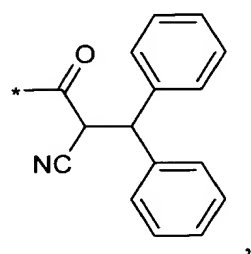
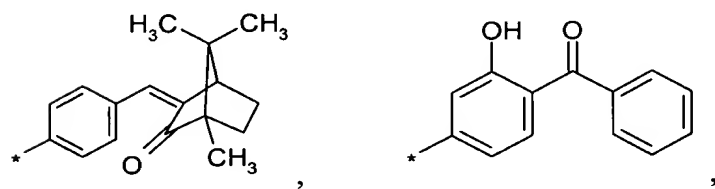
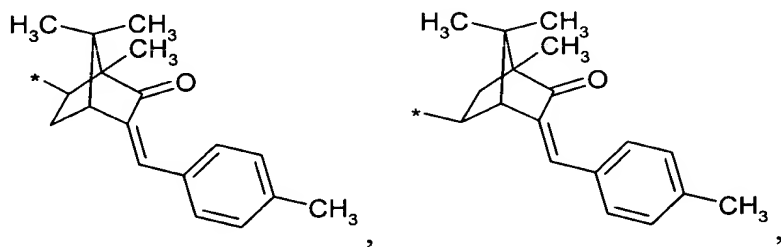
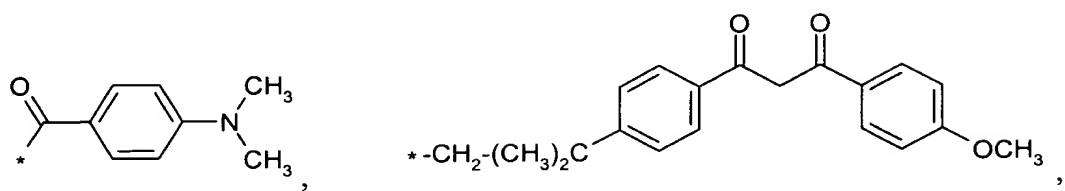
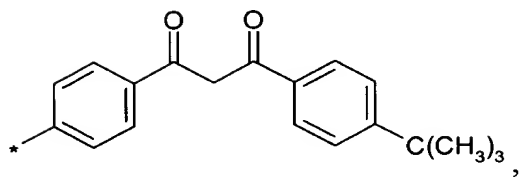
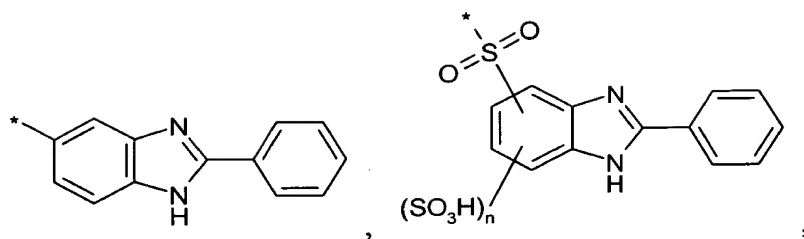
28. A compound according to claim 1, wherein and at least one of the groups  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$  or  $R^5$  is OA in which A is

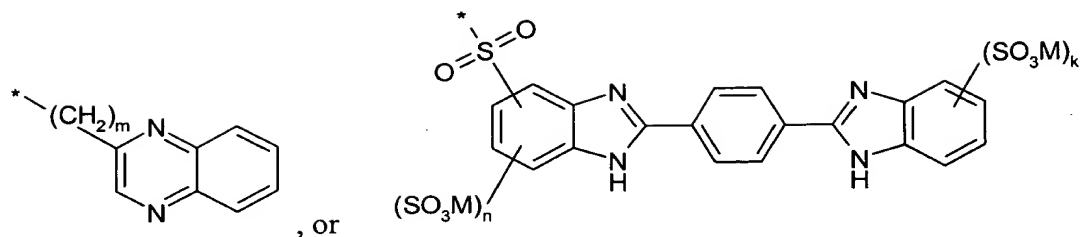






29. A compound according to claim 2, wherein and at least one of the groups  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$  or  $R^5$  is OA in which A is

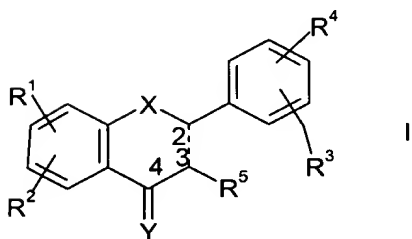




30. (New): A method according to claim 11, wherein said patient is treated for reduction of skin ageing.

31. (New): A method according to claim 12, wherein said patient is treated for reduction of skin ageing.

32. (New): A compound of the formula I



where

X is O, S or NH;

Y is O, S or NH;

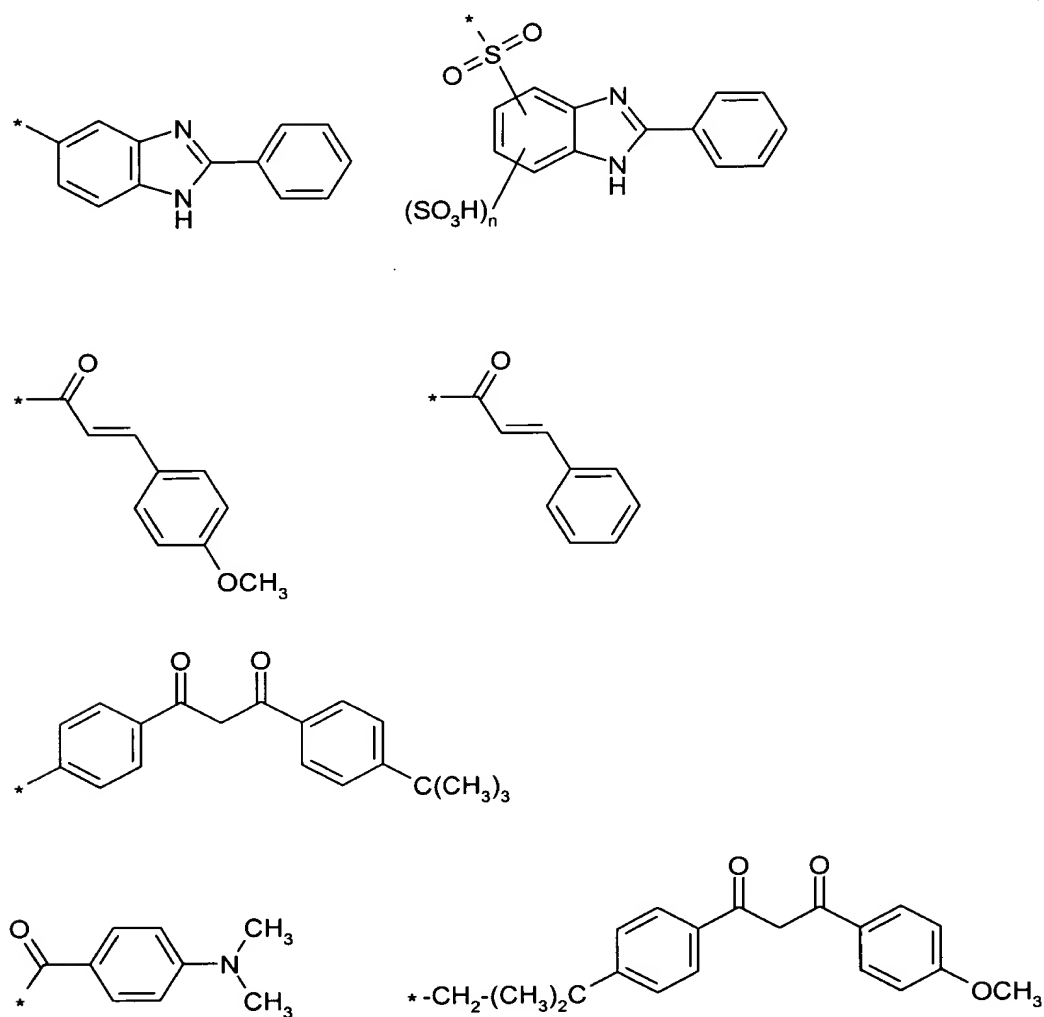
a single or double bond may be provided between carbons C-2 and C-3;

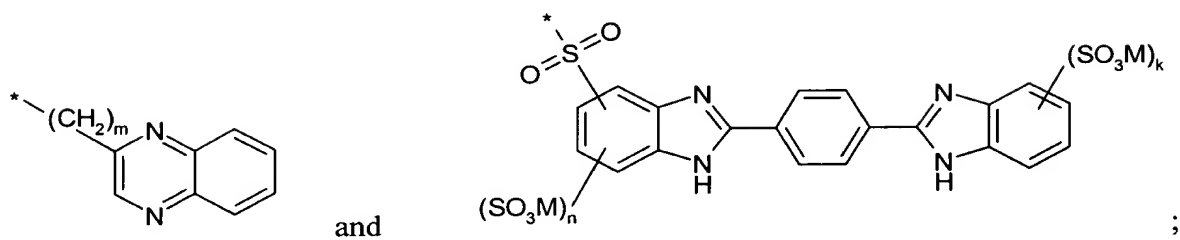
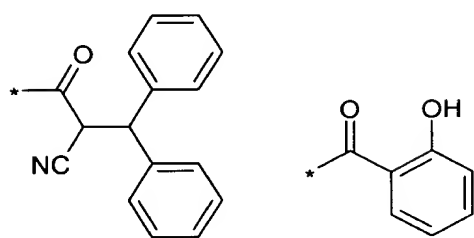
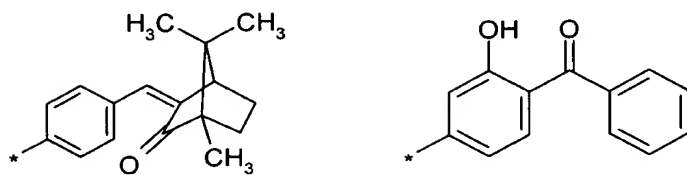
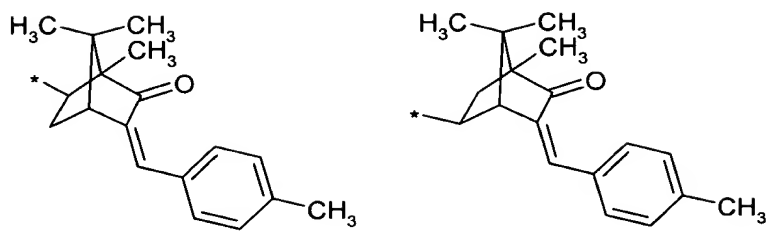
R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, and R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> may be provided at any positions on the ring, and also

$R^3$ ,  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  may be identical or different and independently of one another are  $-H$ ,  $-OH$  or  $-OA$ ;

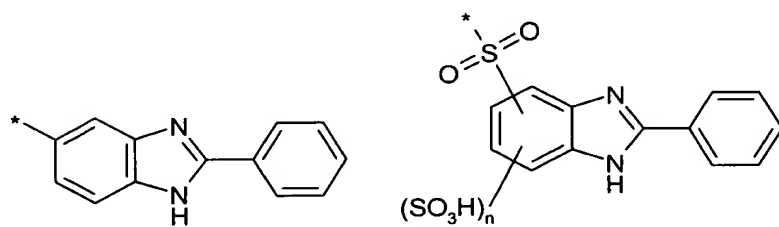
$R^1$  and  $R^2$  may be identical or different and independently of one another are  $-H$ ,  $-OH$  or  $-OA'$ ;

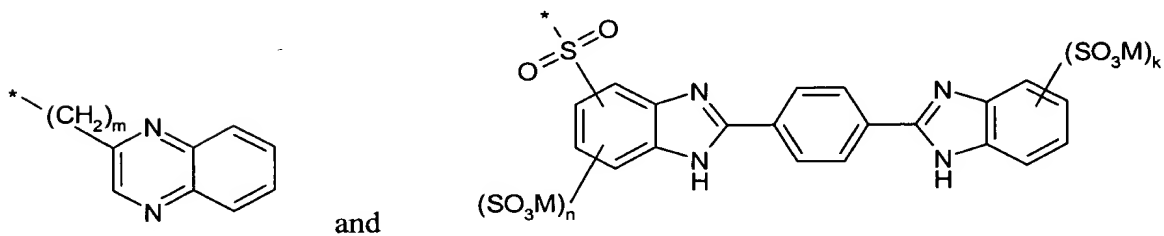
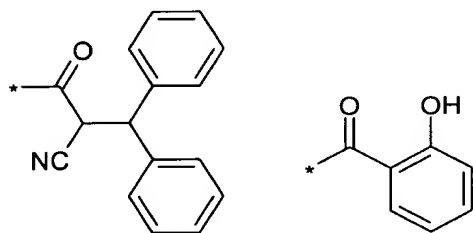
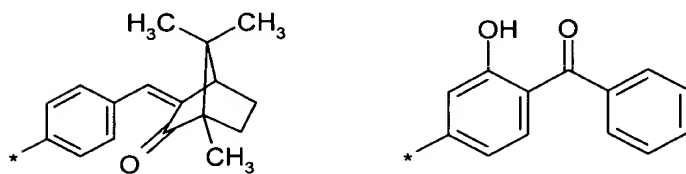
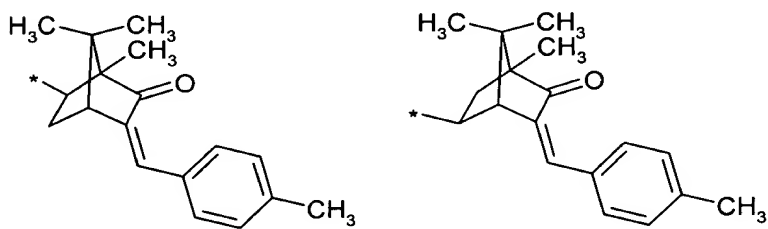
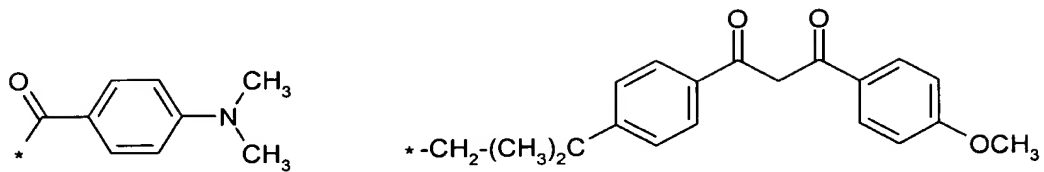
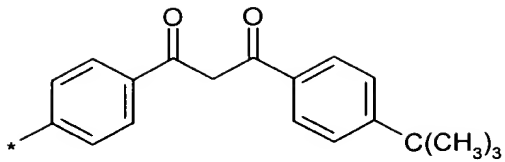
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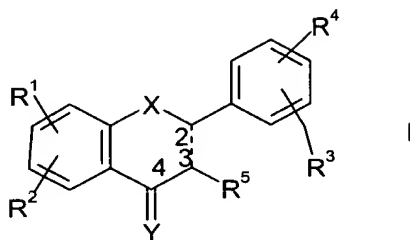
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33. (New): A compound of formula I



wherein

X is O, S or NH;

Y is O, S or NH;

a single or double bond may be provided between carbons C-2 and C-3;

$R^1$  and  $R^2$ , and  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  may be provided at any positions on the ring, and also

$R^3$ ,  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  may be identical or different and independently of one another are  $-H$ ,  $-OH$ ,  $-$

$OA$ , a straight-chain or branched oxyalkyl or carboxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon

atoms, a straight-chain or branched oxyalkenyl or carboxyalkenyl group having 2 to 12

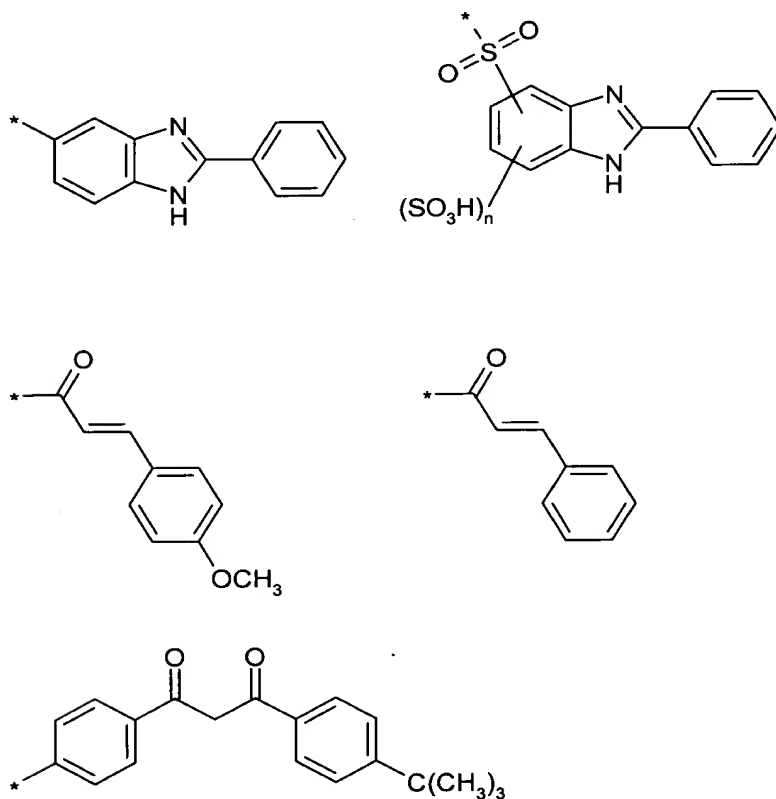
carbon atoms, a straight-chain or branched hydroxyoxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon

atoms, where the hydroxyl group is bonded to a primary or secondary carbon atom and the

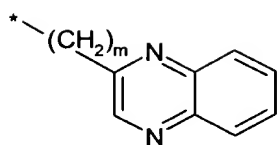
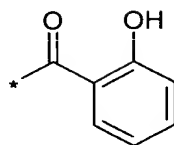
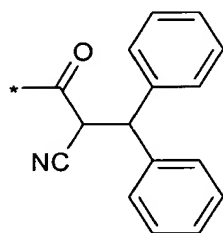
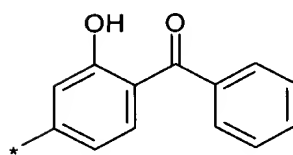
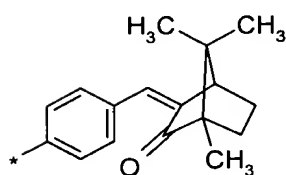
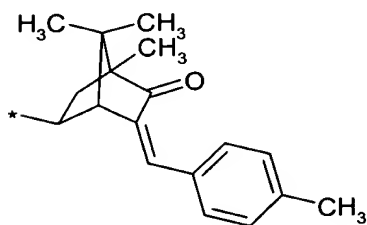
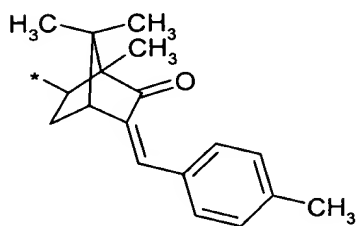
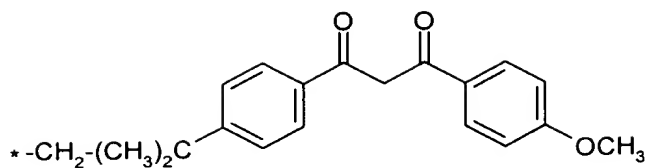
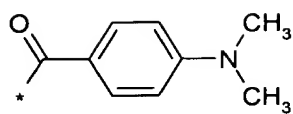
alkyl chain is optionally interrupted by oxygen, a sulphate group, a phosphate group, or a mono- or oligoglycosyl radical;

$R^1$  and  $R^2$  may be identical or different and independently of one another are  $-H$ ,  $-OH$ ,  $-OA'$ , a straight-chain or branched oxyalkyl or carboxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, a straight-chain or branched oxyalkenyl or carboxyalkenyl group having 2 to 12 carbon atoms, a straight-chain or branched hydroxyoxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, where the hydroxyl group is bonded to a primary or secondary carbon atom and the alkyl chain is optionally interrupted by oxygen, a sulphate group, a phosphate group, or a mono- or oligoglycosyl radical

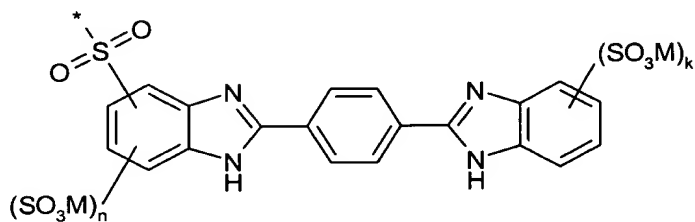
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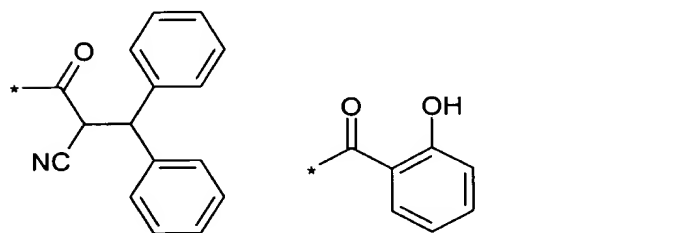
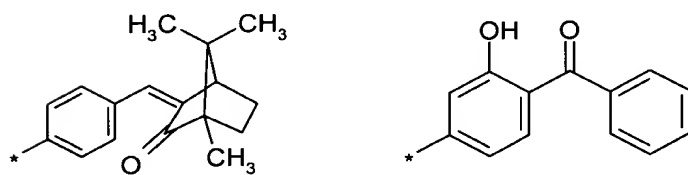
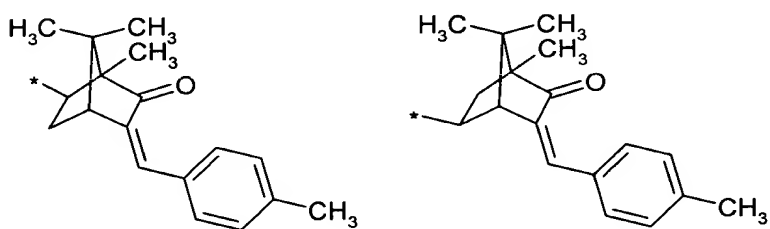
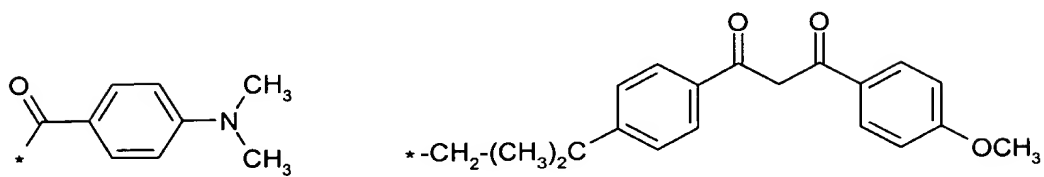
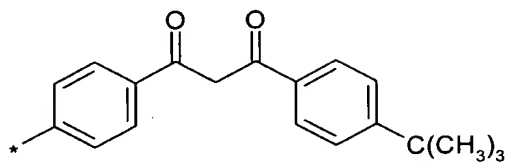
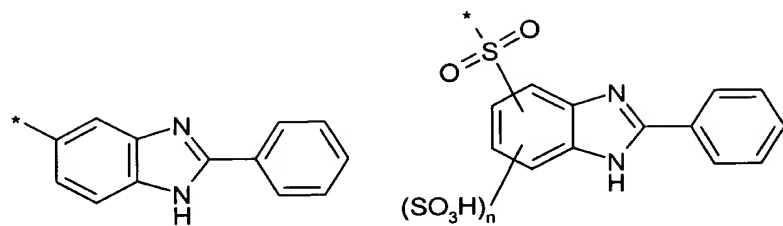


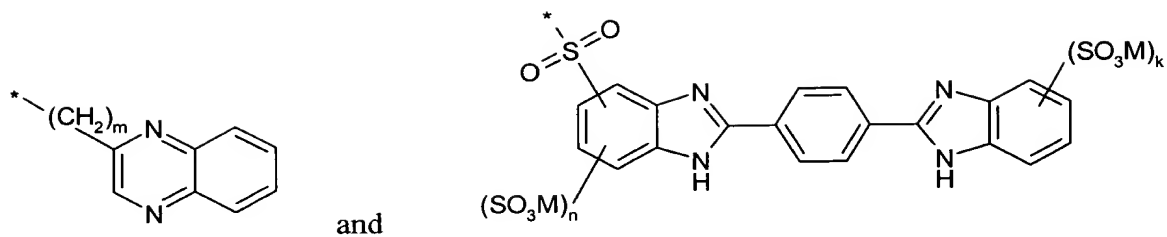
and



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